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● 100,000 feared dead in earthquake ● Gorbachov flies home

Grief as cities turn to rubble

Grief, as Armenian women in the town of Spitak weep for their lost relatives after the earthquake in which thousands died.

The world sends aid as thousands seek refuge

● The Soviet Union was in mourning last night as estimates of the Armenian earthquake death toll rose hourly.

● Tens of thousands are feared dead and entire cities have been razed, leaving uncounted victims buried.

● President Mikhail Gorbachov cut short his New York visit and postponed his London one to fly back to Moscow.

● Aid and offers of help poured in and a specialist London fire brigade team left to help in the search for survivors.

By Our Foreign Staff

The Soviet Union struggled with the enormity of the Armenian earthquake disaster last night as estimates of the number of casualties rose with the passing hours.

President Mikhail Gorbachov cut short his New York visit and flew home, saying: "I have to go".

There was no clear picture of the death toll, but with several Armenian towns and villages wiped out and more victims being pulled from the rubble by the hour, estimates of the number of dead range from 50,000 to 80,000 and could be much higher.

One Russian doctor, Sara Sarafin, speaking on BBC Radio from the Armenian capital of Yerevan, estimated that 100,000 people had been killed. She said: "It is a very terrible situation in the hospitals . . . there are many, many people and many babies with broken bones."

In some places the earth just opened up and whole buildings disappeared into the fissures, according to reports from the scene.

Though Moscow said it would try to manage disaster relief on its own, the Soviet Embassy in London appealed for financial help from the public as well as medical supplies, stressing the money would be funnelled directly to the Armenians. Offers of help and messages of support came from all around the world in response to the desperate situation.

Last night a specialist team from the London fire brigade left for Armenia taking infrared imaging equipment, designed to find buried bodies.

Mrs Thatcher offered her deepest sympathy for the victims in a letter to President Gorbachov, saying she fully understood his desire to return home. She urged him to make his cancelled visit to Britain, which had been due to start on Monday, "as soon as fresh dates can be found".

The force of the earthquake was felt seven minutes after it began in the offices of the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh.

President Reagan offered the resources of the United States and Mrs Reagan made a 13-minute telephone call to the departing Soviet leader and his wife expressing her sorrow at the disaster.

Soviet military surgeons rushed to the region were "carrying out a series of difficult operations, including on children, in field conditions," Soviet Army Gen. Vladimir Arkhipov told the Tass news agency.

Donations to the rescue appeal should be sent to a special account at the Moscow Narodny Bank Ltd, 81 King William Street, London EC4P 4JF. The account number is 140101–6ARM.

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The less seriously injured were being moved out on a helicopter shuttle from the devastated cities of Leninakan, Spitak and Kirovakan to hospitals in Soviet Georgia.

Official media reports said the earthquake levelled all but one of eight schools in Spitak, a city of 16,000 people, and that virtually no multi-story buildings were left without serious damage in Leninakan, a city of 250,000 people on the Turkish border.

Remarkably, casualties across the border in Turkey were light with only four deaths. In contrast survivors from Leninakan said it was "just like scenes from a war film".

A newspaper report said soldiers had pulled the bodies of more than 50 children from the ruins a Leninakan school.

Blood donations were being collected at many points in Moscow, and cities including Gorky, Chelyabinsk, Kyubyshev had sent most of their blood supply to Armenia. Tons of blankets, field kitchens, tents and medicine were pouring into the region.

A group of 78 doctors left Moscow for Armenia late on Wednesday and a second brigade of neurosurgeons headed for Yerevan yesterday.

Soldiers were setting up tent cities for evacuees from devastated regions, and working to restore electricity and water supplies.

An official at the Armenian foreign ministry said unofficial figures showed at least 2,000 people had been treated in hospital and "the number is rising all the time".

A local Armenian editor said 30 to 40 per cent of Leninakan, which has a population of 200,000, had been destroyed. Kirovakan, further east, sustained less damage.

Komsomolskaya Pravda's correspondents said all buildings taller than eight storeys had been destroyed in Leninakan. Only buildings of two or three storeys and small houses remained intact.

People wandered stunned through city streets, many gathering around campfires in the cold weather.

Correspondents for the government newspaper *Izvestia* reported huge cracks on the roads leading to Spitak, a town of 30,000 described as "utterly destroyed".

"We saw the first cars full of injured coming into the outskirts of Yerevan," the newspaper said. Another paper, the *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*, said that Armenia's nuclear power plant near Yerevan, was undamaged and operating normally. An official at the earthquake laboratory of the Institute of Earth Sciences Institute in Moscow said the quake was "among the strongest ever seen in the Soviet Union".

Despair, as survivors contemplate the devastation of their homes, a fraction of the damage caused across the Soviet republic.

Thatcher sympathy for Soviet victims

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher urged President Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday to reschedule his postponed visit to Britain "as soon as fresh dates can be found".

In a letter to the Soviet leader expressing her deepest sympathy with the victims of the Armenian earthquake and saying that she fully understood his desire to return home, she applauded Mr Gorbachov's speech to the United Nations in New York.

Calling his proposed cut of 500,000 in Soviet conventional forces "an important step towards securing a better balance of forces in Europe", Mrs Thatcher wrote: "It holds out new hope — and makes it all the more important that we should meet soon to discuss the way ahead." She ended her letter "with warm regards".

Mrs Thatcher angered Labour MPs in the Commons, however, by saying the Soviet troop-cut proposal had to be kept in perspective: they would still have a 2:1 superiority over Nato strengths.

The Russians would have 41,500 tanks as opposed to Nato's 16,500; 35,000 artillery pieces compared with Nato's 14,000; and 7,400 aircraft compared with 4,000 in Nato.

"There will still be a major assymetry in the Soviet Union's favour," she said. "There is still a lot of tough negotiating to do."

Mr Kinnock accused her later of "rambling off into Cold War blank verse".

Though ministers were disappointed that Mr Gorbachov and his wife will no longer be visiting Britain as planned next week, Mrs Thatcher ensured that the Government lost little in publicity.

Hearing discussion of Mr Gorbachov's decision to fly

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President cuts short US visit

From Charles Bremner
New York

President Gorbachov cut short his New York visit and flew back to Moscow yesterday, saying "I have to be there" to manage the aftermath of the Caucasus earthquake.

Leaving Kennedy Airport a day after his history-making speech to the United Nations, the Soviet leader said the earthquake "was extremely severe and has had extremely grave consequences. There was a great deal of destruction and a great loss of human life, so I have to go home urgently."

Mr Gorbachov is expected to fly straight on to Armenia. A commission headed by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, was already in Armenia supervising the operation.

The Soviet leader, who

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Print-out of disaster: How seismographs in Edinburgh recorded the earthquake, over 2,000 miles away.

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Back-dated test cleared

The law lords yesterday supported the police practice of back-calculating blood and breath tests for alcohol in a driver's body. They dismissed a driver's appeal against a High Court ruling that such evidence was inadmissible. A blood sample four hours 20 minutes after a crash showed him below the limit. But back-calculations showed him probably above the limit.

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£1.7m bail

Four men associated with the collapsed Barlow Clowes investment group, including Mr Peter Clowes, were remanded on bail with sureties totalling £1.7 million after they were charged with theft and other offences.

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Arms gauntlet

The Nato foreign ministers, at their talks in Brussels yesterday, took up the gauntlet thrown down by President Gorbachov at the United Nations General Assembly, by proposing a halving of conventional "offensive weapons" in Europe.....Page 7

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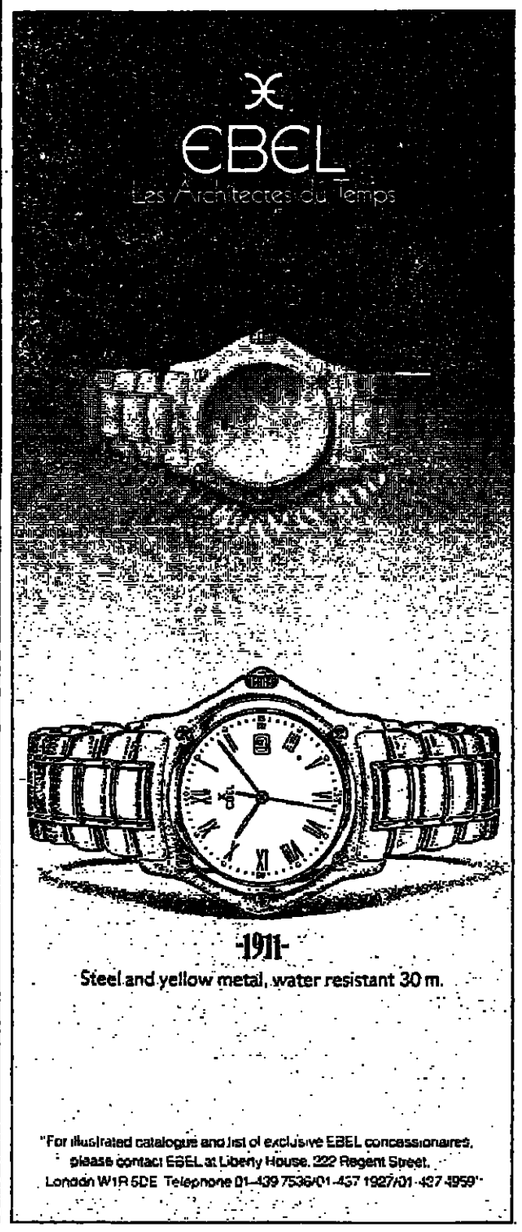

NEWS ROUNDUP

Ryan seeks libel cash from Press

Father Patrick Ryan, the Irish priest who has so far eluded British attempts to extradite him, is seeking substantial libel damages from British newspapers, including *The Times*.

Father Ryan, who is wanted by the British authorities in connection with alleged terrorist offences, has claimed through his Dublin solicitors that the papers have caused him "considerable upset and embarrassment" by publishing "unfounded" articles. The lawyers say that unless he receives a retraction and "substantial compensation", proceedings will be started in the Irish courts.

The claim could lead to an unprecedented legal case. Even if the papers wanted to settle the libel action by offering some compensation — or were ordered to pay damages by an Irish jury — they might be barred from doing so under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The Act makes it an offence to hand over money if it is suspected that it may be "used for or in connection with the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism".

Circus cub's death

Mr Richard Chipperfield, of the Chipperfield Circus family, admitted yesterday that one of his lion cubs died painfully three weeks after it arrived in England from Taiwan. However, he said the partially paralysed cub was in excellent condition before it was freighted by ship to Southampton. Chipperfield Enterprises Ltd has pleaded not guilty to 13 charges at Southampton Magistrates' Court, including overcrowding of livestock. The alleged offences concern animals imported in 1986. The case has been adjourned until January 9.

MP loses her house

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, a former shadow minister, has had her home repossessed by the Nationwide Anglia building society. Bailiffs have changed the locks at the large detached house on the outskirts of Crewe, Cheshire. Mrs Dunwoody, aged 57, the Labour MP for Crewe and Nantwich, has had a history of financial problems. In April 1986, Crewe county court granted the building society a possession order. At the time Mrs Dunwoody said there was no question of it taking over the property.

Soldier shot dead

A soldier was shot dead on Wednesday in a training camp accident — just a week after returning from a tour of duty in Northern Ireland. Private Robert Riseborough, aged 24, from Harleston, Norfolk, who was due to marry in two weeks, died while training with the 3rd Battalion The Queen's Regiment in Warcop, Cumbria. It is believed he was killed when a colleague's rifle accidentally discharged. The Army has launched an inquiry.

Princess in secret trip

The Princess of Wales made a secret visit to the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham to see the wife of Mr James Teacher, the whisky millionaire. Mrs Chloe Teacher, aged 43, is on a life support machine after suffering multiple injuries in a fall while out with the Quorn Hunt in Leicestershire 10 days ago. The Prince of Wales regularly joins the hunt. The Princess's visit was announced by the hospital yesterday after a 24-hour delay.

Langan file closed

Police have closed their file on the fire at the home in Alphamstone, Essex, of Peter Langan, the restaurateur, after his death in hospital. Detectives believe that Mr Langan, aged 47, who had been unconscious since suffering injuries in the fire on October 21, had started it himself. An inquest was opened yesterday and adjourned for a hearing at a later date.

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Shipyard town launches its own rescue charter

By Peter Davenport

The town of Sunderland yesterday launched its own attempt to secure a prosperous future in spite of the closure of its last shipyards.

It came in the form of a 19 point charter for recovery issued by the Labour-controlled council but which attracted all-party support.

The charter calls for the Government to relocate some of its offices from Whitehall to Sunderland and for the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to identify manufacturing companies in the South-east and East Anglia which might be encouraged to move to the town.

The council condemned the Government's £45 million aid package to create new jobs in the wake of the closure of North East Shipbuilders Ltd as grossly inadequate. It wants the Post Office to distribute, free of charge to 10,000 companies in the South-east, an industrial register listing all the products made in the area.

The firms should then be encouraged by the DTI to "buy in" goods and services from Wearside, it said. It also wants special help for those men among the 2,400 shipyard workers to be made redundant who want to start their own businesses.

The council wants the establishment of an interest-free business loans fund, with seven-year loans of up to £10,000 with the capital repaid only over the last four years.

A council spokesman said last night: "The shipyards apart, Sunderland had been clawing its way back by its fingertips and moving towards economic recovery over the last few years.

"The closure is a major blow and the Government package is not nearly enough, but if the measures we have called for are enacted then we can recover."

The Government package involved making Sunderland an enterprise zone, at a cost of £25 million over the next few years, which would mean relief from rates for 10 years for all developments, 100 per cent capital allowances on new commercial and industrial developments and a speeded-up planning system.

Ministers are consulting the European Commission to clear the way for the creation of the zone.

A further £10 million over three years will be made available to encourage enterprise and re-training.

As part of its proposals the council said the Invest in Britain Bureau, the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as the local Northern Development Company, should be instructed to give priority to Sunderland as the location to which all investment inquiries should be first directed.

The council also wants an agency to provide re-training or updating of the skills of redundant shipyard workers which would be entered in a computer and matched with the needs of new industries attracted to the town.

Closure of the yards, the last on Wearside ending a tradition stretching back 600 years, will not only mean the end of 2,400 jobs at NESL but also poses a threat to a further 4,000 jobs in related industries throughout the region.

The Kent towns of Chatham, Gravesend, Gillingham and Strood have recovered from closures as crippling as Sunderland's to economic buoyancy in less than a decade (David Nicholson-Lord writes). Enterprise zone status, offering a holiday from rates and taxes, played a crucial role in their recovery. Mr David Homewood, enterprise zone officer for north-west Kent, yesterday said the progress of the Medway towns since designation "has been an absolute rocket'. As with Sunderland, the area suffered closures, transforming its unemployment rate overnight from five to 14.5 per cent, later peaking at 18.7 per cent. In the first year after designation as an enterprise zone in 1983, and boosted by a promotional campaign, inquiries from companies quadrupled, and 120 of the 800 interested firms moved in. Ninety of these located outside the zone. Five years later 600 new firms have come to the Medway, unemployment has dropped to 5.7 per cent and high technology and offices are beginning to replace conventional industry.

MoD urged to be more competitive

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

An all-party Commons committee yesterday urged the Ministry of Defence to abandon the system of awarding non-competitive contracts that had enabled defence contractors to make excess profits of up to £100 million over a three-year period.

In spite of the ministry's policy of inviting competitive tenders for defence equipment wherever possible, it still makes 47 per cent, or £4.4 billion of contracts awarded annually, on a non-competitive basis. For those, it calculates the contractors' permissible profit by comparison with returns on capital being earned by British industry generally.

The Public Accounts Committee said that under the "profit formula" system contractors had made excess profits between 1982 and 1984 of £100 million.

They accepted some of it was attributable to improved efficiency and that it was small compared with the Ministry of Defence's £8.5 billion annual procurement budget, but said it was "substantial" in relation to the contractors' legitimate profits for non-competitive work during that period of about £600 million. It was "all the more disturbing" because the excess was growing annually.

The ministry "should examine the possibility of adopting a radically different approach", the MPs said.

The committee believed the great majority of contracts were honestly discharged but urged the ministry to examine closely the boundary between fraud and mismanagement and to prosecute vigorously all cases of deliberate deception.

To save on the £2 billion annual spare parts bill, the ministry was trying to insist all boxes of spares were labelled with unit prices so users knew their costs.

Several hundred companies had agreed to do this but about 70, including some of the biggest, "appeared to have agreed among themselves not to operate the new contract condition".

● Britain's defence industry would be crippled if the Government choses the American Abrams Tank instead of the Challenger Mark 2, a trade union leader said yesterday.

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said the multiplier effect on Britain's defence industry would be "devastating", leading to the closure of the Vickers factory in Leeds and the loss of thousands of jobs in 10 other factories.

Ministry of Defence — The Profit Formula, Public Accounts Committee (Stationery Office; £4.30)

Accused of £10m thefts

Christopher Newman leaving Guildhall Justice Rooms yesterday after being jointly accused with Peter Clowes of stealing debts totalling £10 million. Mr Newman, former financial director of James Ferguson Holdings, the parent company of Barlow Clowes, was remanded on bail until next June on sureties of £200,000.

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Lords clear back-dated drink tests

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The police practice of back-calculating blood and breath tests to find out how much a motorist has been drinking yesterday won the support of the law Lords.

They ruled that evidence obtained from back-calculations was not barred by statute and was admissible. They dismissed an appeal by Mr Stephen Gumbley, aged 37, of New Park Road, Brixton, south-west London, convicted for drink-driving by Birmingham magistrates in June 1986.

He was below the legal limit when police took a blood sample four hours and 20 minutes after a road accident in which his brother, Gordon, died. But the magistrates accepted police forensic evidence based on back-calculation which showed his alcohol concentration was probably between 120 and 130 mg — above the limit — at the time of the accident.

The magistrates fined him £200 and banned him from driving for a year. Mr Gumbley, who is driving again after the ban, unsuccessfully appealed to the High Court last July, asking that back calculation be outlawed.

Mr Stephen Gold, a lawyer specializing in drink-driving cases, said the ruling set a dangerous precedent which put alcohol-testing into the "realms of speculation".

Mr Gumbley is considering pursuing the case in the European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

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Mental patient's sterilization halted

The planned sterilization of a mentally handicapped woman aged 35 and said to have a mental age of four was yesterday halted by the Court of Appeal.

The court took the first steps towards allowing Mr David Venables, the Official Solicitor, to challenge the decision of a lower court to allow the operation on the woman who has become sexually involved with a male patient at the hospital where she is a resident.

Mr James Munby, for the Official Solicitor, said the case raised matters of grave public policy.

The appeal, if it goes ahead, is expected to clarify where doctors and health authorities stand when asked to sterilize mentally handicapped women incapable of giving their consent.

MPs to get pay rise of 6.9%

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

MPs are to receive pay rises of 6.91 per cent on January 1, ahead of the rate of inflation.

But the Government is pegging pay increases for ministers to an average of 4.5 per cent to set an example to the public sector.

The Prime Minister is going to continue taking the pay of a Cabinet minister, forgoing almost £12,000 of her entitlement.

Under the increases announced yesterday by Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commons, ministers will receive the same cash increases as backbench MPs. Restraint is also being imposed by the Government on the offical salaries received by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, Opposition whips, the Speaker and other paid office holders.

Cabinet ministers' pay will go up only by 3.05 per cent and ministers of state by 3.82 per cent.

Senior ministers were swift to distance the Government from the MPs' increase, pointing out that it had opposed the method now used for fixing their pay in 1983. MPs' salaries are to go up from £22,548 to £24,107, an increase of £1,559, as a result of their pay being automatically linked to the sum received by a senior principal (Grade 6) in the Civil Service.

Linkage began in 1983 and was confirmed last year. It was designed to avoid the annual Commons haggling over whether MPs should vote themselves pay rises.

A Cabinet minister's salary is to go up by £1,559 to £52,627 and a minister of state's by the same figure to £42,357. The Prime Minister's official salary goes up to £64,257, but she will take £52,627 like the rest of her Cabinet colleagues.

Mr Kinnock's salary goes up to £49,707, which represents an increase of 3.24 per cent.

Ministers in the Lords are to get higher percentage increases in an attempt to make the job more financially attractive to peers.

CABINET AND OTHER MAIN SALARIES

	Current	Jan 89**	% rise
Prime Minister*	62698	64257	2.49
Mr Speaker	52798	54357	2.95
Cabinet Minister	51068	52627	3.05
Minister of State	40798	42357	3.82
Parly Secretary	34808	36367	4.48
Attorney General	53268	54827	2.93
Solicitor General	46548	48107	3.35
House of Commons			
Opposition leader	48148	49707	3.24
Chief Whip	45178	46737	3.45
Dep. Chief Whip	40798	42357	3.82
Opp. Chief Whip	40798	42357	3.82
Govt Whips & Assts.	31738	33497	5.54
Asst. Opp. Whips	31738	33497	5.54
Ways & Means chair	40798	42357	3.82

* Prime Minister elects to take Cabinet Minister's salary
** Includes reduced Parliamentary salary of £18,148

Romantic winner in the House

By Howard Foster

Mr Hugo Hawksley Fitzthomas Summerson, Conservative MP for Walthamstow, has been voted the most romantic MP in Britain.

He won the title after more than 120 MPs' secretaries and personal assistants sent in nominations for 35 MPs in a competition run by Mills and Boon, the publishers, to mark its 80th anniversary.

Mr Summerson, aged 38, met Miss Rosie Pitts, aged 25, his fiancée and secretary to Mr Humfrey Malins, a fellow MP, in a corridor in the Commons a year ago. He asked Mr Malins' permission to court her. Recently he proposed — on bended knee in the moonlight. They plan to marry in March.

Correction

The report of the National Union of Students' conference (December 6) incorrectly stated that the National Organization of Labour Students was a Trotskyist group and had organized the occupation of the conference platform.

Wheelchair designs 'make life a misery'

Many wheelchairs are so badly designed that they make the lives of their users a misery, the Research Institute for Consumer Affairs says.

The organization, a registered charity set up by the Consumers' Association in 1961, is launching a three-year research project to study deficiencies and make comparative tests.

The first step, announced yesterday, will be a survey of wheelchair users and vehicles.

The project will cost more than £250,000. The institute has approached the Department of Health for aid.

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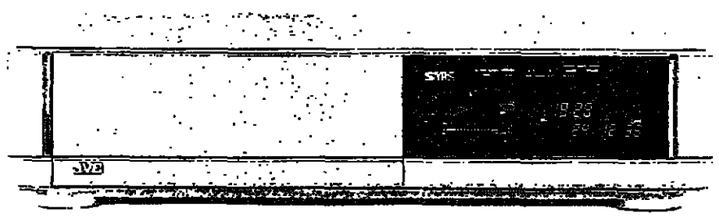

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Property rights in marriage unfair to wives, say lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Clear laws to say who owns what in a married couple's household, in place of the present "discriminatory" law which puts too much weight on who actually pays for an item, are called for by the Law Commission today. In a report to the Lord Chancellor it calls for a new basis of ownership within marriage, to reflect more accurately the principle of equality between the partners and "give effect to the sharing that most couples nowadays want".

Instead of the present "arbitrary, uncertain and unfair" rules which can heavily penalize the non-earning spouse, everything wives or husbands buy for their joint use or benefit should automatically be jointly owned.

That would apply unless the purchasing spouse intended differently and the other spouse knew.

It would also cover something a spouse gave the other. The commission says that the principle of who owns what within marriage is important, and that it is wrong to consider marital property only on divorce.

Property rights within marriage can be important, for instance, when a spouse becomes bankrupt or in the context of enforcement of debts.

Professor Brenda Hoggett, one of the law commissioners, said yesterday: "The present rules can be particularly hurtful and unjust for a non-working wife, for instance, who has always assumed with her husband that everything they had they owned jointly. Suddenly it turns out that everything belongs to him."

The present law is probably the opposite of what most people believe to be the case and can produce unfair results in conflict with a couple's intentions.

It cites the case of a couple who decide to buy a new refrigerator.

The husband sees one near where he works and buys it in his lunch hour on a cheque from his bank account.

Under present law, the husband is the owner; but under the commission's proposals, the couple would be joint owners.

In a second case, a woman, "Mrs White", inherits £1,000 from a relative and banks it in her own account.

She gives her husband a cheque for £500 to buy a three-piece suite. In law, she owns the suite and the rest of the money, unless there was evidence that the £500 was a gift to her husband.

But under the proposals, the couple would own the three-piece suite jointly, while the rest of the legacy would belong to Mrs White.

Not many couples stop to consider questions of property ownership when starting out to provide a family home or while happily married.

If they did, most of them "would expect that much of the property acquired during the marriage would be co-owned".

Another anomaly under present law is that if a husband transfers something to his wife, the assumption is he is making her a gift.

But if the wife transfers something to her husband, the assumption is the reverse: that there is no gift.

The Law Commission proposes equal treatment so that unless anything to the contrary is said, there is joint ownership for joint benefit; or the item is a gift, regardless of who gives to whom.

The proposals deal with ownership while a couple is married.

There are already other laws to reallocate property on death or divorce which identify ownership of items acquired for joint use and benefit and these are not directly affected.

The only exceptions to the recommendations would be land and buildings, insurance policies and annuities and anything bought or transferred for business purposes.

Proposals similar to those from the commission have been made and already enacted in Scotland.

Matrimonial Property: Law Commission No.175 (Stationery Office; £4.80).

O'Toole and Lawrence of Arabia recast

GRAHAM WOOD

Peter O'Toole viewing a cement cast of T E Lawrence at the National Portrait Gallery in London yesterday. An exhibition opens today at the gallery to mark the centenary of Lawrence's birth. O'Toole played the soldier and writer in David Lean's film *Lawrence of Arabia*. The exhibition, which runs until March, documents the enigmatic hero's exploits during the Arab Revolt in the First World War and traces his chequered career through to his death in a road accident in 1935.

Teenagers saying no to marriage

By Emma Wilkins

Early marriages appear to be going out of fashion in England and Wales, the number of divorces has fallen but divorced people are more likely than first-time spouses to break the matrimonial bond again.

Almost half the marriages between teenagers in the 1960s and early 1970s have ended in divorce, the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys reported yesterday.

Young women in 1987 appear to have rejected early marriage: only one in 10 brides who married last year was aged under 20, compared with one in five marrying in 1981.

One in three marriages involved at least one divorced partner compared with only one in six in 1971. For one in 12 couples who divorced last year, both partners were divorcing for a subsequent time, compared with one in 20 couples who divorced six years ago. However, the total number of divorces fell from 154,000 to 151,000 between 1986 and last year, the survey reports.

Births outside marriage increased by 12 per cent between 1986 and last year and now account for nearly a quarter of all births. Births within marriage have increased slightly. Babies have a better chance of survival, with perinatal and infant mortality rates last year the lowest recorded.

The review finds that for each degree celsius by which winter is colder than average, there are about 8,000 more winter deaths.

The total resident population of England and Wales rose by 167,000 to 50.2 million in the 12 months to mid-1987.

Population Trends No 54, (OPCS, Stationery Office; £6.50).

Baby 'dangled from third floor balcony'

By Michael Horsnell

A girl aged 16 months was dangled over the edge of a third floor balcony after a violent argument between her parents, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The allegation was made against the baby's stepfather, Roy Aston, by Christine Mason, the girl's mother, on the seventh day of their trial on charges of murder and child cruelty.

Both deny the charges and accuse the other of causing the death of Doreen Mason from a brain haemorrhage in September 1987. Miss Mason, aged 22, said Mr Aston, her common law husband, had held the baby from the balcony of their council flat in Walworth, south London, on New Year's Day last year. They had been celebrating Mr Aston's birthday, the court was told. The child was left in the care of Mr Aston's brother while the couple visited a public house.

After an argument, she said, Mr Aston head-butted her in the street. They collected Doreen and Mr Aston, aged 24, insisted on carrying her when they got home. She left him to make a call from a telephone box, but on the way looked up and saw him on the landing holding the child over the edge of the balcony. "He threatened to drop her from where he was, right down to the ground floor. I went up the stairs after him and we put the baby in her pram", Miss Mason said.

She said he often locked her in the flat and once knocked her to the floor when she tried to stop him slapping Doreen's face. She had not contacted social workers because "he kept putting into my head that all they wanted to do was to take my baby away from me".

The trial continues today.

Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Mr Bob Shenolikar, from Morden, Surrey, was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr Shenolikar, a retired surgeon, aged 65, is planning to spend the money on a trip to see his children: "My son lives in America and my daughter is in Australia, so I am looking forward to seeing them in the new year.

Double pay for 'Street' cast

By Andrew Billen

The cast of *Coronation Street* will double their pay in the new year after the decision by the independent television companies to transmit a Sunday omnibus edition of the northern soap opera.

Mr David Elstein, programme controller of Thames Television, confirmed yesterday that the actors would receive the standard 100 per cent repeat fee on top of their original pay for the weekly compilation. He expects the omnibus edition to cost the network more than £30,000.

ITV is at present negotiating with Equity, the actors' union, to change the structure of repeat fees.

The Sunday edition of *Coronation Street* has been included in the schedules to compete with the BBC's *EastEnders* and *Neighbours*, the repeats of which are included in the ratings, often giving the BBC a clear run of the first seven places in the weekly audience research charts. Mr Greg Dyke, programme controller at London Weekend Television, said: "We think the rating system is such a joke we might as well join in. We would prefer to get back to the top ten, recording what people actually watched at one time."

The concern with ratings was further demonstrated yesterday with the announcement that ITV is to join BBC in showing a daily Australian soap opera.

Although *Home and Away* competes strongly with *Neighbours* in Australia, it is unlikely to be scheduled directly against the popular BBC soap opera. The Sunday omnibus *Coronation Street* will nevertheless be transmitted opposite *EastEnders* in some parts of the country.

ITV executives announcing the winter schedules consisting of £55 million of original British programming yesterday claimed a ratings lead over BBC1 this autumn of between 6 and 7 per cent. They also announced that their share of those aged 16 to 24 was now 43 per cent.

ITV said it had gained 8 per cent more child viewers since this time last year and that its Telethon outstripped the BBC's *Children in Need* in the ratings.

Mr Dyke claimed that ITV's transmission of live football matches on Sunday afternoons was attracting 11 per cent more viewers than this time last year and denied that the network was worried whether its expensive purchase of exclusive rights to league football was paying off.

A new series of *Minder* will return in the new year, as will one of *Inspector Morse*, and David Suchet is appearing in another Agatha Christie series as Hercule Poirot, the Belgian detective.

ITV has also been given access to film a fly on the wall documentary series about the work of the Metropolitan Police's "Flying Squad".

Life for man who put wife in freezer

A man who killed his wife and stored parts of her body in their freezer was last night jailed for life at St Albans Crown Court.

Colin Buckoke battered his wife, Samantha, with a hammer and stabbed her repeatedly with a kitchen knife after she threatened to tell the police he was was claiming unemployment benefit while working.

Buckoke, aged 30, a painter and decorator, of Kingsley Walk, Tring, Hertfordshire, cut up the body of his 24-year-old wife and later dumped parts of the body in a ditch near his home. He told friends that his wife had left him. When he was arrested, dismembered remains of his wife were found in his van.

He had pleaded not guilty to murder, but admitted manslaughter on ground of provocation last February. The jury found him guilty last night after retiring for two-and-a-half hours.

Buckoke had told the court his wife was a born-again Christian who was worried about what members of her church would think if they found out he was working and claiming benefit.

Jailing him, Mr Justice Owen said: "There is only one sentence I can pass and that is one of life imprisonment".

Crisis for voluntary agencies

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Fifty thousand fewer elderly people's homes will be insulated against the cold this winter, transport for the disabled will be cut and crime fighting on estates will be curbed, because of a £285 million shortfall in funds to voluntary agencies, according to a national survey published yesterday.

It was carried out by the National Council for Voluntary Organizations (NCVO) to assess the effects of the scrapping of the Government's community programme (CP) and introduction of employment training (ET).

At the programme's peak in 1987, voluntary organizations received £558 million from the programme, making it the single largest contributor in the voluntary sector. The scheme was for the unemployed to do work of benefit to the community.

Miss Usha Prashar, director of the council, said it recognized the importance of employment training for the unemployed, but the consequences for local communities could not be ignored.

"An urgent response is needed to this new evidence of the vital services that are being lost. The most vulnerable are being hit and the situation can only get worse if action is not taken."

Almost 60,000 temporary jobs to benefit local communities have gone already. In addition, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation has found that about 2,300 community programme jobs worth £10 million will be lost from wildlife trusts and urban wildlife groups.

In Scotland about 2,600 jobs for social care schemes have gone, according to the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organizations. And the Wales Council for Voluntary Action estimates that 3,500 jobs have disappeared.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, is quoted by the council as saying: "There is a place in ET for every current CP project that meets the necessary standards". But the NCVO says the guarantee has not been met. Forty-seven per cent of voluntary organizations surveyed said that ET was not suitable for their work. And 64 per cent also said ET would not be financially viable for them.

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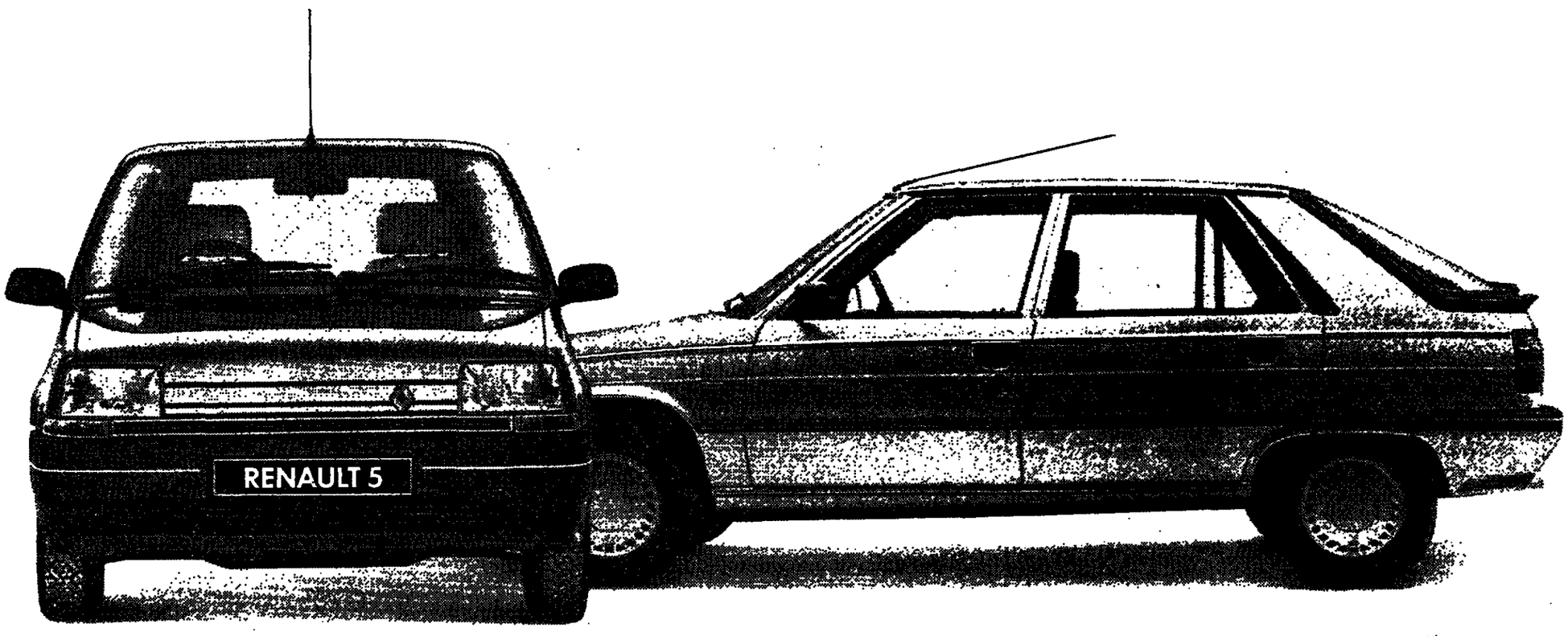

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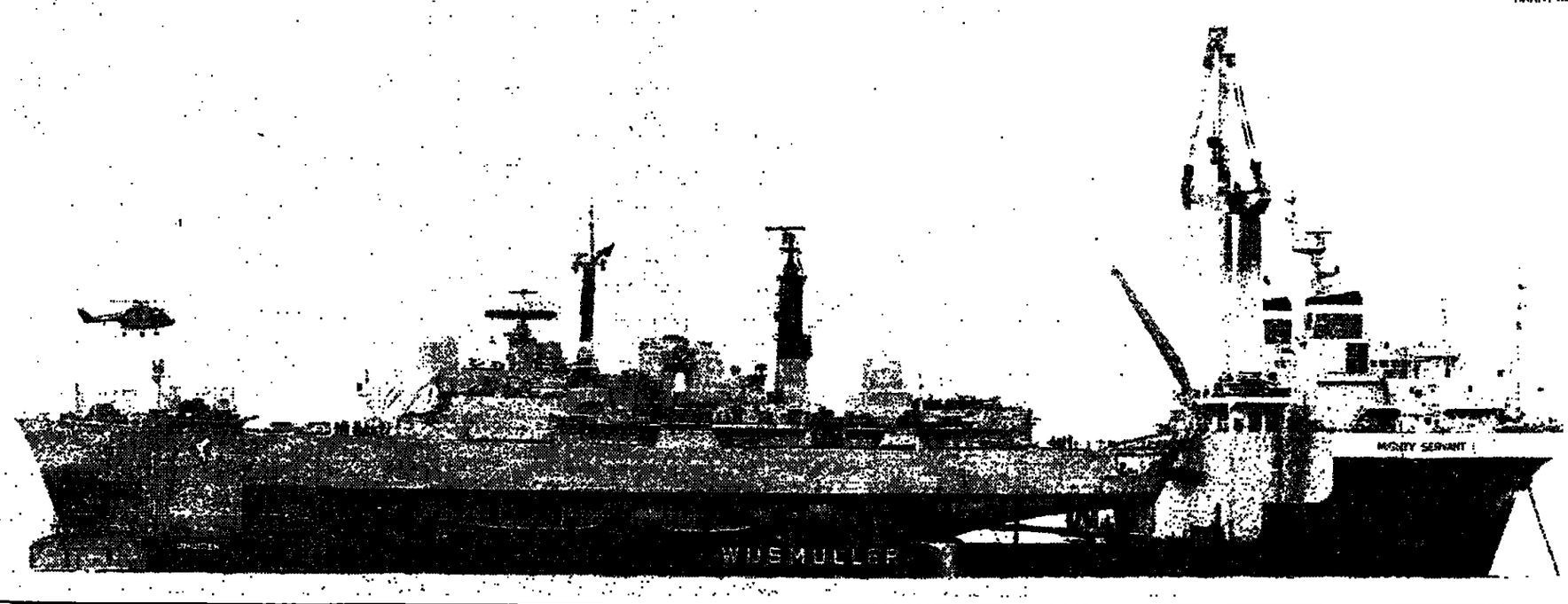
Destroyer holed in the Gulf takes a slow boat home to Pompey

HARRY KERR



HMS Southampton, the Royal Navy destroyer holed during a collision in the Gulf, arriving outside Portsmouth yesterday after a 3,000-mile trip which took more than a month.

The crippled vessel was brought to her home port piggy-back style, on Mighty Servant 1, a floating barge. The warship suffered an extensive gash in the side of her hull after she collided with the container ship Torbay three months ago while on Armilla patrol in the Gulf. Eleven crew were injured.

The Ministry of Defence has denied reports that repairs could cost up to £100 million but has refused to reveal what the bill will be.

It is not yet known which shipyard will carry out the work, although the recently-privatized dockyard at Devonport, Devon, has offered to carry out the repairs.

HMS Southampton was anchored off Spithead while 26 metal slabs, which were welded to her hull for support during the trip, were removed.

City institution abandons education initiative

Regional polytechnic setback

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

The City of London Polytechnic yesterday pulled out of plans to create a regional polytechnic serving London and East Anglia.

The Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology and the Essex Institute of Higher Education said they would press ahead with the new regional polytechnic but admitted the plan would be delayed.

Under a scheme announced earlier this year the two institutions, in Cambridge and Chelmsford, were to have merged with the City Polytechnic on April 1.

The Cambridgeshire college said yesterday the proposals for the new Polytechnic of East Anglia would be delayed by about six months. The City Polytechnic would be welcome to join later if it reconsidered its position.

The decision to withdraw from the merger came after the City Polytechnic feared it would be forced to give up its teaching facilities at Moorgate and Tower Hill in the City to pay for a new residential campus at Chelmsford.

Sources said the sum which the new Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council was prepared to provide to cover merger costs would leave the new regional polytechnic needing to find £30 million from its own resources. "That just happens to be about the value of our site opposite the Tower of London", a senior source said.

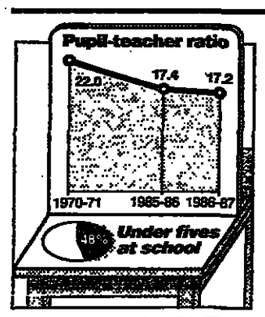
At a meeting of the City Polytechnic's Court of Governors on Wednesday night, some members accused the Government of wanting to move all students out of London.

The meeting adopted a resolution saying that it could not enter into the merger until the future of its City sites was secured.

Mr Mike Salmon, director of the Essex Institute of Higher Education, said last night: "We continue to believe in the benefits of the merger for all three institutions.

"In the circumstances we must give priority to establish an effective merger between CCAT and EIHE to create a polytechnic to play a full part in the development of the East Anglia region."

● The University of London yesterday appointed Professor Stewart Sutherland, aged 47, as its forty-fifth vice-chancellor. He is principal of King's College London.



An indication of the state of learning in the United Kingdom was provided by the Government's latest education statistics released yesterday (David Tytler writes). The figures for 1986-87 show that 23 per cent of sixth formers obtained at least one A level or the Scottish equivalent, 1 per cent more than in the previous year. After A levels, 262,000 students went on to achieve higher qualifications, including 139,000 first degrees or equivalent. Educational institutions employed 657,000 full-time teaching staff, half of them graduates. There were 972,000 students in higher education, 42 per cent of them women. Education cost the country more than £19 billion. More than nine million school pupils were taught by half a million teachers, an average pupil-teacher ratio of 17.2.

***Education Statistics for the United Kingdom, 1988 edition* (Stationery Office; £8.50).**

Teachers waste time keeping control of pupils

By David Tytler
Education Editor

Most secondary school teachers spend too much time keeping control in the classroom, with boys being more troublesome than girls, according to a new survey.

Teachers in six secondary schools in the West Midlands took part in the survey conducted by the British Educational Research Association, with 55 per cent reporting that they experienced discipline problems. Six out of 10 women teachers reported problems, compared with five out of 10 male teachers.

About 20 per cent of their pupils were considered to be troublesome but both men and women regarded boys as being markedly more difficult than girls. The main problems identified by teachers were talking out of turn, 50 per cent; hindering other children, 17 per cent; and idleness and slowness, 13 per cent. Fewer than 1 per cent of the teachers cited verbal abuse or physical aggression as problems. The survey said that although serious incidents did happen in schools, the overwhelming trouble was the high frequency of relatively trivial misbehaviour.

● The Victoria and Albert museum plans an ambitious scheme costing £285,000 a year to guide pupils through the GCSE. It hopes to set up a GCSE centre for pupils studying art and design, history, English literature, mathematics, science and technology, home economics, religious studies and music.

The museum would employ three GCSE teachers, seconded from secondary schools, who would work with five museum specialists.

British Educational Research Journal (Carfax Publishing, PO Box 25, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 3UE).

Prototype school test acclaimed

By Our
Education Reporter

A controversial scheme for testing pupils, which is widely regarded as a prototype for the Government's national curriculum, has produced a 20 per cent improvement in examination results, it is revealed today.

The London Borough of Croydon, which is Conservative controlled, said its system of standardized tests — measuring pupils against performance targets at the ages of 7, 11 and 14 and introduced in 1984 — had improved motivation among the pupils.

In an interview with *The Times Educational Supplement*, Mr Paul McGee, Croydon's chief schools inspector, said the average number of passes a pupil at the top three grades of GCSE had risen from 1.9 last year to 2.3 this summer.

The improvement in Croydon's result is 10 times better that the national increase in the number of pupils passing at grades A to C, which rose by only two per cent this year.

Mr McGee said: "We would argue that it had a lot to do with the way we have been persuading teachers towards targeted teaching".

A spokeswoman for the borough said the results reflected the efforts of teachers and pupils.

Goodman creates first Euro-airline

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The first pan-European airline, operating in the same livery from six countries, is being created by Air Europe. Deals have been signed with Spain and Norway and negotiations are at an advanced stage with France, West Germany and Italy.

The airline, part of Mr Harry Goodman's expanding International Leisure Group, will take stakes of up to 33 per cent in each of the new airlines, with the rest coming from banks, financial institutions and private investors. The airlines will all come under a holding company, Airlines of Europe, created in The Netherlands to oversee the operation and integrate services.

It is planned to begin charter flights from each of the countries involved next year and expand to scheduled services as soon as agreements can be reached with individual governments. Within three years the airline is expected to be bigger than many national flag carriers and be flying more than 60 aircraft.

Airlines throughout Europe have been drawing up plans for mergers and expansion in anticipation of the European single market in 1992 but Mr Goodman's initiative gives him a head start on rivals.

One of his aims is to bring down the cost of business travel, by using EC legislation under which lower fares must be approved if they can be shown to be related to the cost of operation.

Already he has cut fares from Gatwick to Paris and Brussels, has approval to reduce them from Scandinavia and hopes to win approval soon on flights to Munich. The reductions have led to a boom in business travel on his airline, which is now operating regularly with more than 70 per cent of seats filled.

Air Europe has persuaded the Gatwick authorities to open a special business lounge which enables passengers without baggage to check in up to 15 minutes before departure.

Because up to a third of seats on its flights are now designated business class, the airline decided to offer holidaymakers travelling on the same aircraft when it is on charter the chance to upgrade to business class by paying £30-£80 extra.

"We have been amazed at the response", Mr Peter Smith, ILG's commercial director, said. "It seems many holidaymakers now expect the same level of service they get when travelling on business."

As part of its expansion the airline is taking delivery of three new McDonnell Douglas MD11 tri-jets, which will enable it to offer non-stop long-haul holidays to destinations such as Hawaii.

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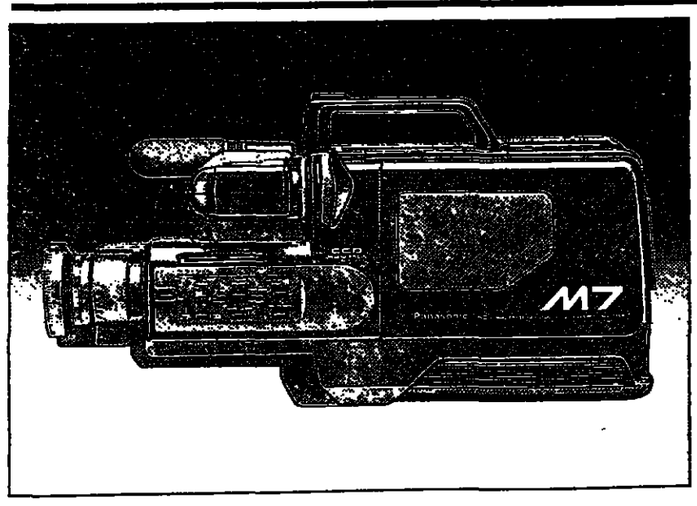

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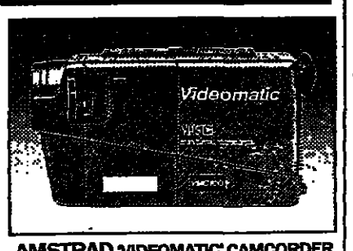

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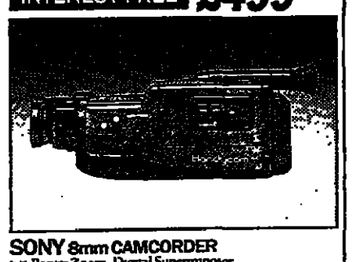

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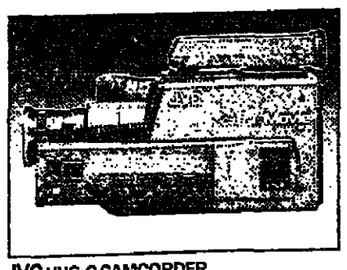

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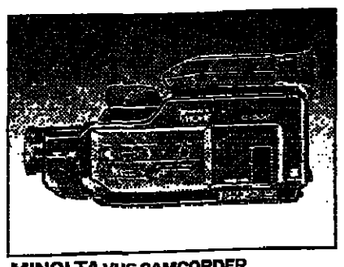

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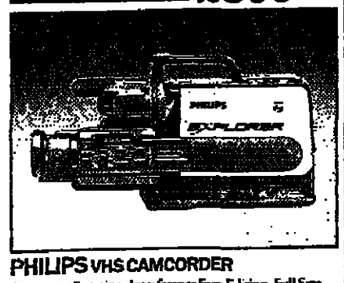

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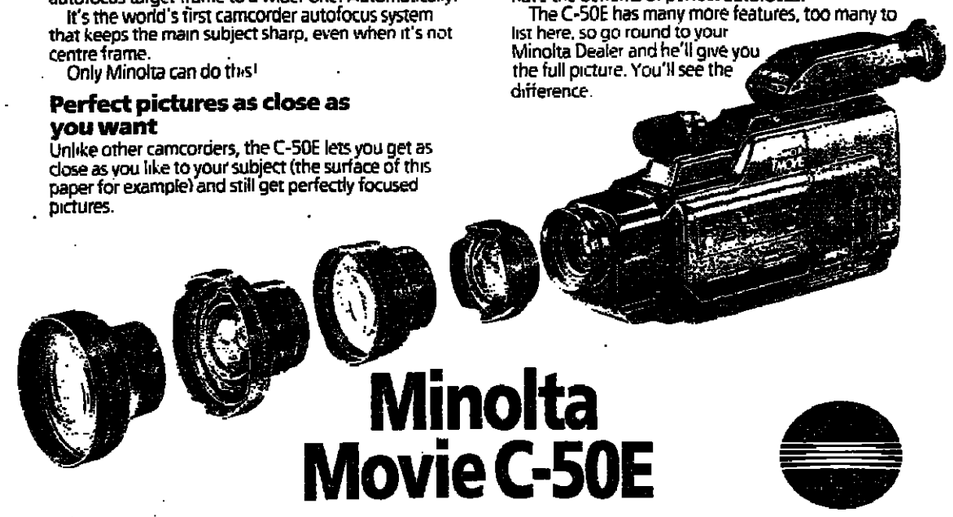

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N-plants may be in clear over cancers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A virus may be the hidden cause of leukaemia in children who live near nuclear power stations, according to the results of a scientific study published today.

The research suggests that the disease is not due to radiation effects from the stations, but to an epidemic of an unidentified viral infection brought into isolated communities many years ago by outsiders.

Children living in remote areas such as Dounreay and Sellafield may be more vulnerable to such infections than the general population, because there is lower natural immunity, and leukaemia could be a rare side-effect, Dr Leo Kinlen, director of the cancer epidemiology unit at Edinburgh Univesity, says in *The Lancet*.

The building of the two nuclear reprocessing plants led to population increases in nearby Thurso and Seascale in the 1950s. A possible result was that incomers caused epidemics of viral illnesses.

Dr Kinlen has produced evidence which supports his theory. In a study funded by the Cancer Research Campaign, he found a "cluster" of childhood leukaemia cases in Glenrothes, Fife, the only other rural area suitable for comparison.

Glenrothes is nowhere near a nuclear plant, but was an isolated district that had a large population increase in the same period.

Between 1951 and 1967, seven Glenrothes children under five years old died of leukaemia, compared with an expected 1.49 cases. There were also more cases among older children than expected.

Dr Kinlen makes it clear that the town no longer has an excess of leukaemia cases.

Viruses have long been suspected as a cause of childhood leukaemia, although there has been a lack of conclusive evidence.

Some doctors believe that the disease could be triggered by the effects of a virus on the human immune system.

Results of independent studies have shown that levels of radiation near power stations are too low to explain local clusters of leukaemia. Dr Kinlen says: "Since no evidence for any particular alternative explanation has been found, there will be continued public suspicion that radiation is possible.

"A viral cause for childhood leukaemia deserves renewed attention, including further investigations in situations of large-scale population mixing."

Dr John Galloway, of the Cancer Research Campaign, said yesterday: "These findings have important implications for the causes of leukaemia, particularly those found away from nuclear power stations, which are presumably the vast majority.

"However, people must not get the idea that leukaemia is infectious. Dr Kinlen suggests that it could be a rare, abnormal response to a common infection."

● The world's first leukaemia virus research centre will be opened today at Glasgow University by Ian Botham, who raised its building costs during a sponsored walk from John o' Groats to Land's End.

Scientists will study the role of viruses in influencing the development of leukaemia.

Six-year-old puts seven Santas to the test

PETER TREVOR

Christmas came early for Emma Briggs, aged 6, yesterday when she helped to judge the Father Christmas Olympics. The morning of fun for 50 children from Kingsmead School, Hackney, east London, was organized by the Marriott Hotel, west London, and the London Taxi Drivers' Fund. Santas from stores throughout the capital were put through their paces at the hotel while Steve Ovett ensured fair play. The winning Father Christmas was Brian Taylor, from Allders of Croydon.

'Rediscovered' Florentine bust of Christ fetches £825,000

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A late sixteenth-century marble bust of Christ, which recently turned up in the Republic of Ireland having vanished without trace for a century, was sold for £825,000 at Sotheby's in London yesterday to Danny Katz, the dealer, against an estimate of up to £60,000.

Attributed to Giovanni Battista Caccini, a contemporary of Giambologna, the bust, it now appears, was the victim of a sell-off from the Florentine church of Santa Maria Novella in 1876. It was bought by one John Leslie, who removed it to his newly-built home at Castle Leslie, Co Monaghan, where it has remained since. Mr Leslie's inventory tells how he acquired the bust directly from the church when it was being altered, and that he had assumed it was by Francavilla, a lesser artist.

It was sold yesterday by Sir John Leslie, the great grandson of the collector, achieving a world record for the artist.

Charles Dickens's double-barrelled sporting gun, sold with evidence that his marksmanship lagged far behind his penmanship, fetched £5,720, double its estimate, also at Sotheby's. It was given to the author by his biographer, Forster. At Christie's sale at Donington Park, Leicestershire the record for the humble Austin-Healey was broken by £90,000 when a 1962 soft-top Works Rally Coupé fetched £137,500. A Mercedes Benz, 300 SL light-weight gullwing coupé dated 1955 to 1956 fetched £308,000, another record.

Jewellery owned by Ailsa Mellon Bruce, sister of Paul Mellon, the great American collector of English art, was sold at Christie's in New York on Wednesday night.

An Italian collector paid top price of $319.000 dollars (£172,400) for a diamond fringe necklace signed by Van Clef & Arpels, while a Boston dealer paid £166,500 for a fancy coloured diamond and near-colourless diamond necklace.

Weekend food prices

Salmon rivals cod for fish value

Fresh fish supplies are good this weekend and haddock makes a welcome return, even at about £2.60 a lb.

Smaller block haddock cost about £1.60 a lb, while cod is about £2.30 a lb and there are excellent cod cutlets at about £2.20 a lb. Sprats at 75p a lb and firm, sweet huss at £1.20 are a bargain. Herring and mackerel are plentiful and cost around 70p a lb.

Flat fish is more expensive with Dover sole up to about £6 a lb. Lemon sole is scarce and costs about £3 a lb. There are good supplies of monk fish at around £4.60 a lb, fresh tuna £4.99, fresh sword fish £5.60 or frozen at £4.20.

The first of the season's cod roe has arrived about a month later than normal. At £2.40 a lb it is expensive although prices will drop. Herring roe is a good buy at £1.30.

Farm salmon is amazingly cheap with large cutlets at £4 a lb and small whole fish are as little as £2.19 a lb.

Shellfish lovers are in for a treat with the arrival of live rock lobster from Australia. Even the fishmonger is impressed by their "meatiness" and they retail at about £9 a lb.

Smoked trout can make an excellent alternative to smoked salmon and costs about £10 a lb. There is also delicately flavoured smoked marlin from the United States and Mauritius at about £7 a lb.

A rich casserole of beef bourguignon and chestnuts made now and frozen is an excellent Christmas stand-by. The freezer seems to tenderize the meat and enhance the flavours. Chuck-braising steak at £2.50 a lb is ideal for such recipes. If making beef olives, you will need topside, on promotion at Tesco and Sainsbury at £2.18 a lb. For cottage pies or spaghetti bolognese, minced beef between £1.20 and £1.50 a lb is economic.

Try British minced lamb at about £1.88 a lb at most butchers or Sainsbury's excellent New Zealand lamb freeflow mince at 99p a lb for moussaka.

Braised pork marries well with tangerines, walnuts, dried apricots, prunes, apples and cider. Sainsbury and Tesco have pork chops at £1.18 and £1.24 a lb respectively.

Best meat buys this week include Sainsbury New Zealand lamb at £1.28 a lb; Presto forerib of beef £1.79 a lb; steak and kidney £1.38 a lb and boneless pork chops £1.88 a lb; Asda frozen standard turkeys 54p a lb; frozen basted turkeys 57p a lb; Bejam catering turkeys 49p a lb and beef roasting joints £1.89 a lb; Dewhurst fresh style frozen turkeys 89p a lb.

There are no problems with supplies of fruit or vegetables. Delicious red apples at 40p to 55p a lb from America add a festive look. Clementines at 25p to 50p a lb are slightly cheaper than satsumas.

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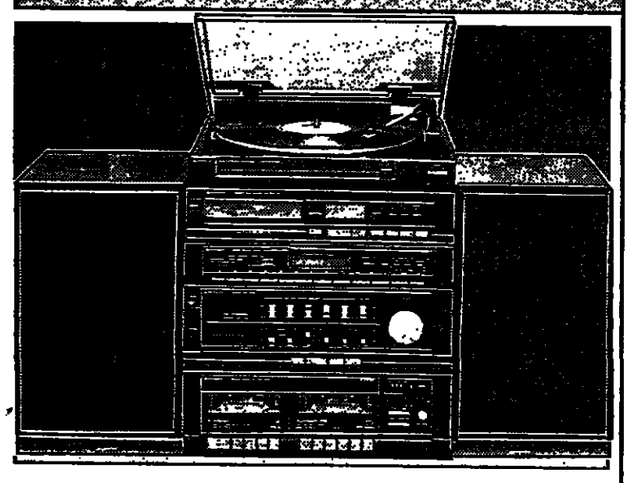

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Nato ministers take up Gorbachov gauntlet on conventional weapons

West proposes 50% reduction in arms

From Michael Evans and Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato foreign ministers yesterday took up the gauntlet thrown down by President Gorbachov of the Soviet Union at the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday by approving a conventional arms control package that would halve numbers of tanks, artillery, armoured vehicles and other "offensive weapons" in Europe.

Although the burden of the proposed reductions would fall more heavily on the Warsaw Pact, because of its superiority in such weapons, the foreign ministers, meeting in Brussels, were anxious to show that Nato was also fully prepared to reduce its arsenal.

In producing a formal declaration which outlined the Nato proposals, the ministers also paid tribute to Mr Gorbachov's gesture.

Under the Nato proposals, there would be an overall limit of 40,000 tanks deployed in Europe — 20,000 on each side — and no country would be entitled to have more than a fixed proportion, "such as 30 per cent", of the total holdings in each equipment category in Europe of the 23 Nato and Warsaw Pact countries. The declaration said that no country would be allowed to have more than about 12,000 tanks deployed in Europe. There would also be a limit on the number of active combat units in other countries' territory; and sub-limits on weapons in order "to avoid undue concentration in certain areas". Officials at the Brussels meeting of the North Atlantic Council insisted that Mr Gorbachov's statement had not changed the thrust of the Alliance's proposals, because the Soviet leader had taken only one step towards what Nato had demanded for a decade.

None of the ministers in Brussels cast any doubt on Mr Gorbachov's motives; although US officials emphasized he had only made a statement, no one doubted the cuts would be made.

Officials confirmed that under Mr Gorbachov's cuts, 50 per cent of the Soviet tanks now deployed in Eastern Europe would be withdrawn and the present Warsaw Pact superiority over Nato in tanks and artillery would be reduced from a 3-1 to 2-1 ratio. But, despite the buoyant atmosphere at the meeting, there was growing concern about how Mr Gorbachov's initiative might affect Nato's plan to modernize short-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

British officials insisted that no cuts in conventional forces would have any bearing on the plan, but Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, said that modernization was now "even more marginal".

The real business of negotiating arms cuts will begin next year in the new Conventional Stability forum. Provided the mandate for these talks is resolved between Nato and the Warsaw Pact, they could start by January 6. One problem could be in the area of combat aircraft. British and US sources said that aircraft would not be included in the mandate, which was supposed to focus on land forces only.

But US officials admitted yesterday: "The Soviets are very eager to include aircraft in the talks." Soviet military chiefs have claimed that Nato has superiority in aircraft. This is denied by the West.

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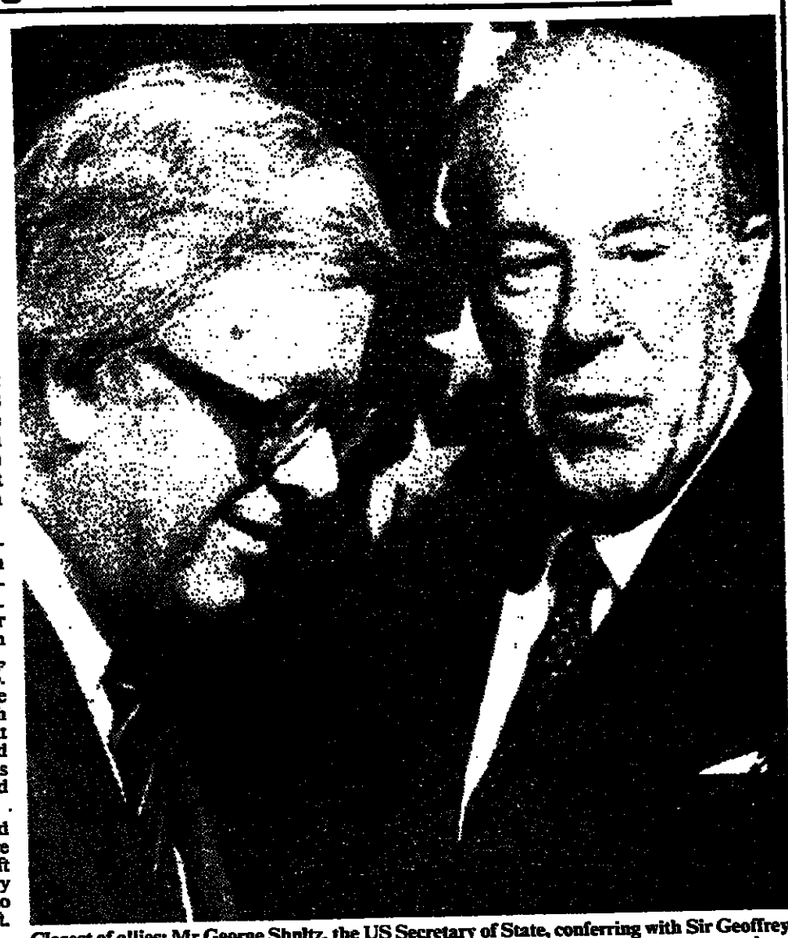

Closest of allies: Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, conferring with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, during the Nato ministerial meeting in Brussels yesterday.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Mandela family dismisses move

Johannesburg (AFP) — Nelson Mandela, the South African black nationalist leader, will not accept freedom unless all political prisoners are released, his family said yesterday, dismissing his transfer from a Cape Town clinic to a prison warder's home as meaningless. His move to the house — adjacent to a prison in the rural town of Paarl — which has a swimming pool and a large garden has confirmed that the authorities are planning a phased release.

● **Activists sentenced:** Eleven black activists were sentenced to prison terms ranging from five to 12 years at the end yesterday of the three-year "Delmas" terrorism trial (Ray Kennedy writes). Five had their sentences suspended.

Jet crashes on houses

Bonn — Several people were reported killed and six houses destroyed by fire when a US Air Force jet fighter from Nörvenich base, near Cologne, crashed on the inner-city area of Remscheid, near Düsseldorf, yesterday (John England writes). Rescue teams found three bodies among the debris, and pulled several injured from it. A US forces spokesman said it was not known why the A 10 Thunderbolt crashed, but an investigation team was going to Remscheid.

Interpol drugs plea

Brussels — The EEC must introduce new legislation, making it mandatory to report all cross-frontier currency transactions, if the burgeoning profits from the illicit international drugs trade are to be confiscated, Mr Raymond Kendall, the Secretary-General of Interpol, said yesterday (Michael Dynes writes). He was addressing a conference of the 103-member Customs Co-operation Council, called to improve links between national customs services.

Mitterrand meetings

Prague — President Mitterrand of France arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit (Richard Bassett writes). M Mitterand, who has been criticized for visiting Prague during a crackdown on dissidents, is expected to meet Charter 77 activists, and Mr Alexander Dubcek.

Reagan muted on forces cuts

From Michael Binyon, New York

President Reagan's cautious welcome of President Gorbachov's sweeping arms cuts has so far been deliberately muted. This reflects the US determination not to be swept away by the timing and skilful presentation of a proposal most Americans have long been expecting, nor to allow Western pubic opinion to be lulled into believing the overwhelming Soviet advantage in conventional forces has now been removed.

"If it is carried out speedily and in full, history will regard it as important, significant," Mr Reagan said.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, echoing White House satisfaction that Moscow was now moving down a road long urged by Washington, also underlined the distance still to go: even after 1991, the asymmetries in the conventional balance would still leave the Soviet side with a huge advantage.

There are several reasons for the Americans' caution. The first is that they want to study the fine print, to be sure there are no killer clauses or conditions in this unilateral announcement. Too often before, a seemingly grand gesture has turned out to be less generous on second sight, and dependent on a reciprocal — and unacceptable — Western response.

Second, the US wants to consult its Western allies before voicing a response that can only be made in a Nato context. The Americans know that some Alliance members — such as West Germany — will press for a strongly supportive reaction, whereas others will focus on what still remains to be done.

Third, the Reagan Administration, in this awkward transisitional phase, is still miffed at what it perceives as Mr Gorbachov's attempt to set the agenda for Mr Bush.

But as Mr Reagan made clear, the Soviet move was not unexpected. Before the Moscow summit, the US believed that the Kremlin would offer big conventional cuts to allay Western worries that strategic force reductions would simply increase the dangers of Soviet conventional superiority.

Soviet officials at the time said privately that they were contemplating such a move, but did not want one that would be dismissed merely as a propaganda initiative, as this would block further progress. In the end, Mr Gorbachov, somewhat half-heartedly, put forward a plan similar to Wednesday's announcement, but which called for a matching Western reduction in troops.

Washington has been prepared in other ways, too. The Soviet emphasis on its new defensive doctrine of "reasonable sufficiency" has been questioned by people such as Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, who told Mr Dmitry Yazov, his Soviet counterpart, during his visit to the Soviet Union in the summer that he saw no evidence yet of any change in strategy. But Mr Yazov told him to wait and see and hinted that Moscow would indeed reduce such key offensive capabilities as bridging equipment, which Mr Gorbachov announced at the UN.

Washington also recognized that the Kremlin's economic crisis made a reduction in the Soviet defence budget inevitable, and that Mr Gorbachov was simply waiting for the moment when he could turn this to his advantage.

Nevertheless, the timing — just before the crucial Conventional Stability Talks begin in Vienna and as both sides pause to take stock in the increasingly complex bargaining on strategic reductions — makes the Gorbachov announcement particularly welcome. It begins to remove the concern of the Europeans about the European balance. It will also make it easier for Mr Bush to grasp the nettle of Pentagon budget cuts, which can also be presented as a political gesture, making the best of a bad job.

Offer by Kremlin surprises East

From Richard Bassett, Prague

Mr Gorbachov's announcement that the Soviet Union will withdraw unilaterally 50,000 men — some six tank divisions — from Eastern Europe has taken Warsaw Pact leaders by surprise.

As recently as two weeks ago, Mr Miklos Memmeth, Hungary's Prime Minister, told Western journalists that there was "no question" of any Soviet withdrawal without concessions from Nato. In Prague, sources suggested that the Czechoslovak leadership was also taken aback and would be reluctant to see many Soviet troops leave.

Western defence analysts in Prague yesterday described Mr Gorbachov's announcement as "very important" but remained unsure as to how it would affect the balance of forces in Central and Eastern Europe. At present, five Soviet divisions, each of 11,000 men, are stationed "temporarily" in Czechoslovakia under an agreement signed in 1968. It is believed here that the Czechoslovak authorities, many of whom owe their position to the Soviet intervention, would be unwilling to allow more than one division to depart.

In Hungary, however, the absence of any frontier with a Nato country would allow for "total" Soviet withdrawal.

In Poland, where there are only two Soviet divisions, a withdrawal would have a minimal effect on the Warsaw Pact's Western defences.

In East Germany there are some 19 divisions, and experts believe that Mr Gorbachov could concentrate his six-division withdrawal entirely on East Germany without impairing his numerical superiority over Nato forces in West Germany.

Peking — China yesterday welcomed President Gorbachov's announcement that Soviet troops would be withdrawn from Mongolia and Eastern Europe (Catherine Sampson writes). Mr Li Zhaoxing, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said: "This is a positive development and we welcome it."

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The Armenian earthquake: ● Rescue operation ● Turkey escapes lightly

Soviet officials fear 50,000 dead as cities are flattened

Moscow (AP) — The Soviet Union rushed military surgeons and tonnes of medical supplies yesterday into northern Armenia after the devastating earthquake virtually destroyed several cities. Some unofficial reports said that tens of thousands of people were killed.

Armenian journalists, reached by telephone from Moscow, said a high-level Politburo commission led by the Prime Minister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, was receiving preliminary estimates that as many as 50,000 people died in Wednesday's earthquake.

Asked about that figure, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Vadim Perfiliev, told the Associated Press in Moscow that he had no information to back it up and that no official toll had been released. Other officials said they would make no estimate of the deaths because of the widespread damage and unreliable communications.

Japan's Kyodo news agency reported that unidentified Armenian officials said 50,000 people died.

The official *Komsomolskaya Pravda* reported that "tens of thousands of people became victims of the earthquake." It did not cite a source.

"Military surgeons are carrying out a series of difficult operations, including on children, in field conditions," General Vladimir Arkhipov of the Soviet Army told Tass.

A "helicopter bridge" had been set up to ferry the injured north from the devastated Armenian cities of Leninakan, Spitak and Kirovakan to hospitals in Soviet Georgia.

Official media reports said the earthquake leveled all but one of eight schools in Spitak, a city of 16,000 people, and that virtually no multi-story buildings were left without serious damage in Leninakan, a city of 250,000 people on the Turkish border.

A newspaper report said soldiers had pulled the bodies of more than 50 school children from the ruins of school No 9 in Leninakan.

Blood donations were being collected at many points in Moscow, and cities including Gorky, Chelyabinsk, and Kuybyshev had sent the majority of their blood supply to Armenia. Tons of blankets, field kitchens, tents and medicine were pouring into the region, Tass said.

Mr I. Denisov, the deputy Minister of Health, told the news agency that a group of 78 doctors left Moscow for Armenia on Wednesday night and that a second brigade of neurosurgeons headed for Yerevan yesterday.

Soldiers were setting up tent cities for evacuees from devastated regions, and working to restore electricity and water supplies, General Arkhipov told Tass.

President Gorbachov was cutting short a visit to New York and heading to the area to lead the rescue operations. "Preliminary data indicate that in the Armenian republic, thousands of people have died and of course I cannot give you a more accurate figure for obvious reasons, there being also a lot of disruption," the Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, told a news conference, announcing President Gorbachov's return to the Soviet Union.

"We know that thousands have died, but we...are not publishing any precise figures because all of the dead have not been counted yet," said Nora Milikyan, an editor of the official Armenian news agency Armenpress.

"We know it is a high figure," she said. "All I can say is that it is a tragedy."

In the first detailed report on casualties, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said soldiers were working under spotlights in the wreckage of school No. 9 in Leninakan.

It said two sergeants, Valery Gumenyuk and Kairat Adilbekov, "told us that they already had pulled from under the ruins the bodies of more than 50 children." Only a few children had been found alive in the collapsed building.

Reports from the area said Spitak was hardest hit.

The surrounding region's population of 50,000 had increased by several thousand in recent weeks by settlers fleeing ethnic strife between Armenians and Azerbaijanis, *Izvestia* said.

General Arkhipov told Tass that soldiers were setting up tent cities yesterday for evacuees from the Leninakan, Kirovakan, Spitak, Stepanavan, Amasiya and Gugar regions — virtually all of northwestern Armenia.

Mr Alexei Tyulyandin, first deputy director of the Soviet Red Cross, said one plane with 14.5 tons of medical supplies was dispatched overnight. About 400 students gave blood at Moscow State University, and the Red Cross had set up collection points for clothing, blankets and shoes.

Mr Albert Khachatryan, a department head at the Armenian Ministry of Health, told the Associated Press by telephone that 2,500 injured had been brought to the Armenian capital from Leninakan, Kirovakan and Spitak, and that more were expected.

Tass said another 200 people had been taken to hospitals across the border in the Soviet Georgian republic.

Mr Khchatryan said many doctors had come to the region from throughout the Soviet Union. Yerevan still had hospital beds available, and the number of doctors available was sufficent to handle the injured.

He said doctors in Yerevan were seeing many patients suffering from broken bones, head injuries and shock.

President Gorbachov cut short his stay in New York by a day and cancelled planned visits to Cuba and Great Britain.

"Despite the fact that all emergency measures are being taken...Mr Gorbachov believes when the people are suffering he has to be there, he has to lead the efforts," Mr Shevardnadze told a news conference in New York. He said President Gorbachov would fly to Moscow and then on to Yerevan.

Potenza (AFP) — An earthquake measuring five on the 12-point Mercalli scale shook a region near the southern Italian city of Naples on Wednesday night, the National Geophysics Institute said yesterday. First reports indicated no serious damage. It struck along the Mediterranean fault line running through Naples, where a quake in November, 1980, killed 2,916 people.

Wrecked homes a town's haunting legacy

Apartment blocks reduced to rubble or left leaning dangerously off-centre in the town of Spitak, one of the areas in northern Armenia worst hit by the quake.

Ankara mobilizes relief effort

Eastern Turkey escapes with four deaths

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

While parts of Armenia lay in ruins, neighbouring Turkey, accustomed to earthquakes, was left largely intact by Wednesday's severe tremors.

Officials in Kars province, bordering the stricken Soviet Republic, said four people had died in two villages.

The earthquake and its aftershock were strongly felt in five provinces, but the heaviest damage was in Kars, where reports said more than 200 houses were destroyed, mostly in the countryside, and about as many damaged.

People left homeless were provided with tents and promised speedy relief by the authorities.

The close brush with disaster, however, served to highlight once more the vulnerability of the country, which sits on an active earthquake belt where fault lines run into each other and the Arabian and the Black Sea plates meet the Anatolian plate.

Statistics put the loss of life in 36 serious earthquakes since the start of the century at 71,000 and the number of houses destroyed at about 400,000. The worst of these earthquakes hit the eastern town of Erzincan in 1939, claiming 45,000 lives.

Most recently, 3,837 people died in the earthquake which struck Kars in 1976, and 1,330 more in Erzurum in 1983.

Agencies reported that thousands of people, fearing more earth tremors in eastern Turkey, spent the night in the streets.

One resident of Kars, 575 miles east of Ankara, said in a telephone interview that thousands of people spent the night in the open air.

"It was terribly cold," he said. Women and children who were unable to bear the chill eventually went back into their homes.

A woman in Kars, also reached by telephone from Ankara, said "it was very cold" in the streets, so "we prayed to God and went inside".

The earthquake killed four people in villages near the Turkish-Soviet border, and yesterday there were no reports of further casualtics. The tremors struck eastern Turkey at the same time as the earthquake rocked Armenia in the worst such disaster in the Caucasus in 80 years.

Mr Safa Giray, the Turkish Housing Minister, who visited the stricken villages near Kars yesterday, said 202 houses were destroyed. Another 217 houses were damaged.

The semi-official Anatolian News Agency quoted Mr Giray as saying the homeless in the villages have been moved into tents.

The cost of the damage done by the earthquake has not yet been calculated, but the Turkish Government has set aside an initial $1.1 million (£600,000) to provide new housing for villagers in the stricken area, the Minister said.

He told the villagers that the Government would compensate them for the material damage they had suffered, "but we cannot compensate for the loss of lives".

"Our only consolation is that not many lives have been lost," Mr Giray added.

Relief work has started and camps have been set up in the area, where mobile kitchens and medical teams have been giving welcome assistance since Wednesday.

President Evren and Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister, have sent condolences to the families of the people killed in the earthquake.

West promises aid

Experienced rescue teams ready to fly to devastated provinces

By Our Foreign Staff

Western governments and relief organisations yesterday pledged their assistance to the Soviet relief effort in Armenia.

President Reagan promised American aid in a 13-minute telephone call to Mr Gorbachov before he left New York for the Soviet Union.

He said: "If there is any way in which we can be of assistance, either bilaterally or through the international community, please let me know."

The British, French, West German and Italian governments all offered relief workers and technical support.

The American Red Cross has sent $50,000 to support the work of the Soviet Red Cross and was yesterday preparing to sent medical supplies and other materials to assist the victims. Mr Richard Schubert, the society's president said that the initial indications were that large supplies of antibiotics would be needed.

"If the Soviets request assistance, we will work with them to determine the kind of assistance most needed," Mrs Phyllis Oakley, the State Department spokeswoman, said.

Mr John Matlock, US ambassador to the Soviet Union, in a teleivison interview said: "We stand ready to assist if there is an effective way we can....they have indicated they will let us know if they need some help."

"We have rescue teams and teams available to supply things like tents and medical supplies and so on."

The British-based International Rescue Corps which sent search and rescue personnel to the 1985 Mexico and the 1986 El Salvador earthquakes yesterday sent a telegram to President Gorbachov offering assistance.

"We have a team of 15 rescue workers standing by who are skilled in working in earthquake conditions and are anxious to help relieve the tragedy," said Mr Terry Price, founder member of the corps.

Mr Jacques Delors, the President of the executive commission of the EEC said that the Commission was ready to contribute emergency aid immediately if the Soviet Union authorized it to do so.

The Paris-based medical relief organisation Medecins Sans Frontieres said yesterday that its team of five doctors carrying medical supplies was standing by ready to fly to Armenia.

The World Health Organization's disaster team in Copenhagen was last night standing by waiting for instructions from the Soviet Union.

Soviet officials yesterday contacted the international league of Red Cross Societies in Switzerland which will coordinate aid programmes.

Mrs Thatcher sent a letter to Mr Gorbachov, which read:

"Dear Mr Gorbachov, I was very distressed by the news of the terrible earthquake in Armenia, with such heavy loss of life. It is indeed a calamity and I would ask you to convey my deepest sympathy to the families of the victims, and to all those who have suffered loss and injury.

"I hope you will let me know if there is any way at all in which the United Kingdom can help in the relief efforts. We shall also be encouraging the European Community to offer assistance.

"Your Ambassador has delivered to me your message explaining that you will be returning direct to the Soviet Union from New York, and thus postponing your visit to the United Kingdom.

"I entirely understand this: your place must be at home at a time of such tragedy, and I know you would feel this very strongly. People in Britain will of course be disappointed not to see you and Mrs Gorbachov, but they too will understand and will look forward to welcoming you as soon as fresh dates can be found.

"May I take the opportunity to congratulate you on your speech at the United Nations. I have warmly welcomed your proposed reductions in Soviet conventional forces and armaments as an important step towards securing a better balance of forces in Europe.

"It holds out new hope — and makes it all the more important that we should meet soon to discuss the way ahead. Once more I send you my deepest sympathy for the victims of the earthquake. With warm regards, Yours sincerely, Margaret Thatcher."

Armenian church officials in London said yesterday they feared as many as 100,000 people have been killed by the earthquake.

Mr George Kurkjian, a representative of the Patriarch of the Armenian Apostolic Church of South Armenia, quoted church sources in Moscow as saying they "fear the figure is going to approach 100,000 dead. They're still pulling bodies out non-stop."

How gentle shaking recorded tragedy

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

Around the world, hundreds of delicate, extremely sophisticated seismometers gently shook as the shock-wave from Armenia passed under them, their movement belying the ferocity of the cause.

In Edinburgh, more than 2,000 miles from the epicentre, the instruments at the British Geological Survey picked up the gentle heaving in the Earth's crust caused by the quake, and the movement to and fro and left and right.

Capable of detecting movements of as little at a thousandth of a millimetre, the seismographs convert internal movements caused by the shock waves into electrical impulses recorded on magnetic tape.

Scientists at the BGS fed the readings from their seismometers into a computer programmed to work out the exact location of the epicentre from the different times at which the shock wave struck the instruments.

These waves from an earthquake travel at very high speed through the Earth's crust. The first to hit seismographs are the so-called primary, or P-waves, that travel at 20 times the speed of sound. These are followed by secondary, S-waves.

The difference in the arrival times of the two types of waves, together with the geographic distribution of the arrival times, enables the computer to find both the area affected, and the depth at which the quake occurred.

Once the rough results had been calculated, the BGS then sent its findings to the headquarters of the US Geological Survey in Berkeley, California, where they were correlated with those from other seismic observatories around the world. This enabled scientists to establish a much more precise picture of the nature of the earthquake.

Initial reports indicated that it was a ninth magnitude earthquake on the Richter scale, making it possibly the worst ever, and that it took place just three miles beneath the affected towns in Armenia.

It is now known that the earthquake was, in fact, far from unusual, measuring just 6.9 and occurring 20 miles beneath the surface.

The density of population in the area, however, has contrived to make it one of the worst ever in terms of human tragedy.

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● Reactors go on working ● Global danger spots ● Embassy fund opens

Doctors battle to save quake survivors among debris

Medical staff taking charge of the treatment of earthquake casualties at hospitals and evacuation centres in Yerevan, the Armenian capital. Most victims were brought from cities and outlying villages to the north, which bore the brunt of the quake.

Two atomic reactors working despite massive devastation

By Our Foreign Staff

Two nuclear reactors in the area affected by the earthquake in Armenia apparently were not damaged and are working normally, the International Atomic Energy Agency said yesterday.

Armenia 1 and Armenia 2, as the Vienna-based regulatory agency calls the two 370-megawatt reactors, are located about 55 miles from the epicenter of the earthquake, which killed thousands and caused devastation.

An IAEA spokesman said the organization was told by Mr Armin Abagyan, a Soviet expert, that "both reactors are working normally and supplying the population with electric energy."

The reactors are located near the Soviet Armenian capital of Yerevan and just miles from the Turkish border. The reactors are small by the standards of nuclear reactors, which often put out more than 1,000 megawatts of power, Mr James Daglish, an IAEA spokesman, said.

"If they had been damaged in any way they would have been shut right down," Mr Daglish said. He addedthat the agency was staying in contact with Mr Abagyan, who was monitoring the situation in Moscow. Mr Abagyan was a key figure in investigating the 1986 Chernobyl incident.

● NEW YORK: Armenia's second largest city, Leninakan, is believed to have been 75 per cent destroyed by the earthquake, a Politburo member told US officials and businessman (Reuter reports).

Speaking to a meeting yesterday of businessmen and officials, Mr Alexander Yakovlyev described the earthquake as very big and said it appeared to have killed thousands.

He added that Leninakan, a city of 200,000, was believed to have been 75 per cent destroyed by the quake. His comments were relayed to reporters by Mr Herbert Okun, a US representative to the United Nations who attended the breakfast meeting.

The editor of the Armenian news agency Armenpress has said that the city was 30 to 40 per cent destroyed by the earthquake which was reported to have registered between 6.9 and eight on the open-ended Richter scale.

Mr Yakovlyev was among more than 100 Soviet officials who accompanied President Gorbachov to the US.

Another Soviet visitor to the US, an Armenian prelate, said some 70,000 people were feared killed.

The churchman, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, said he received the information by telephone from the highest-ranking Armenian church in official in the holy city of Echmiadzin.

Archbishop Manoogian told a news conference that three cities were especially hard hit and that two churches in them were completely demolished.

"There are children in the rubble of collapsed buildings and schools. Thousands of injured are being transported to the capital of Yerevan and Echmiadzin," Archbishop Manoogian said.

He and five other Armenian prelates discussed the situation earlier in the day with Soviet government officials at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

Archbishop Manoogian said they applauded President Gorbachov's decision to return to his homeland immediately because of the earthquake, and that he understood that Mr Gorbachov himself might be visiting the stricken area.

London embassy sets up unique disaster fund

In a move without precedent, the Soviet Embassy in London has set up a disaster fund to assist victims of the Armenian earthquake (Mary Dejevsky writes).

A special bank account — number 140101 - 6ARM — has been set up at the London branch of the Moscow Narodny Bank to receive donations from the public. A spokesman for the embassy said that the account had been opened in response to many calls offering help.

In another unusual move, the embassy, at 18 Kensington Palace Gardens, is to be open to receive gifts such as medicine and clothes. The spokesman said that money paid into the special account would be sent direct to Armenia to help the relief effort.

The announcement that donations would be welcome marks a departure from the Soviet Union's previously disdainful attitude to offers of help from abroad. Recently, Moscow has eased its insistence on state aid and has encouraged charity work both by individuals and non-government organizations.

Power of 100 nuclear bombs

By Robert Matthews
Technology Correspondent

The amount of destruction in Armenia provides a stark display of the colossal energy released by earthquakes.

The quake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, with an aftershock of 5.8, which is moderate by global standards — about 20 of this magnitude are recorded annually.

However, 6.9 on the Richter scale, which measures the energy released by an earthquake, corresponds to the simultaneous detonation of 100 hydrogen bombs.

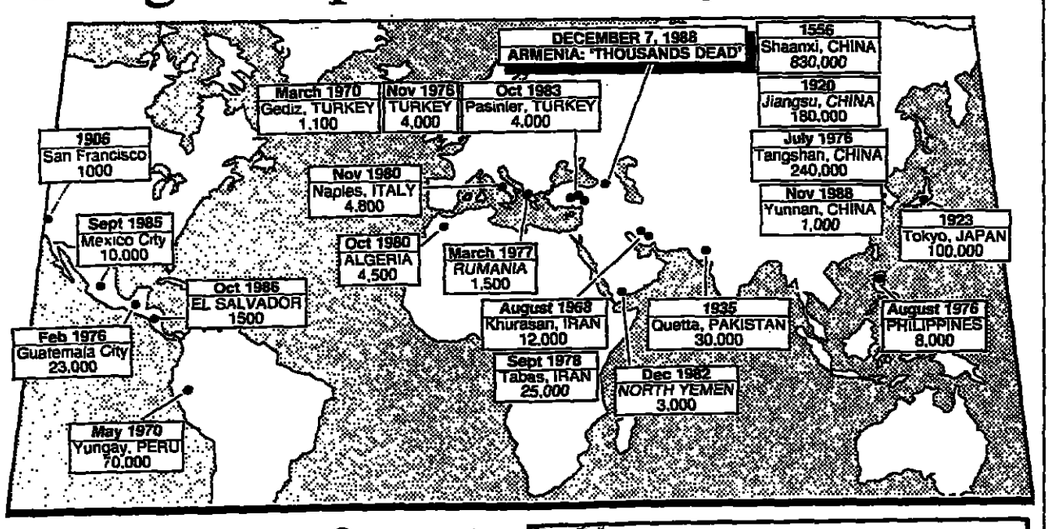
According to the global seismology research group of the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, this enormous amount of energy was released about 20 miles down in the Earth's crust.

The combination of explosive power and relatively dense population accounts for the high level of casualties, according to Dr Roger Musson, a BGS seismologist.

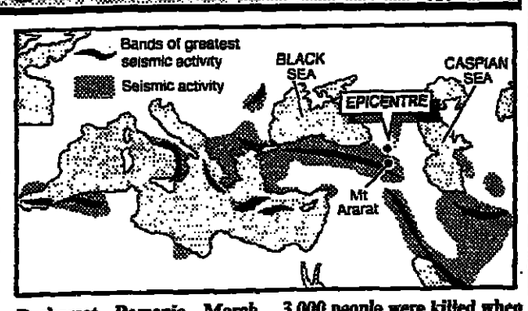
Armenia is an area prone to earthquakes, this latest being the most severe in the area since 1840, according to the BGS. The underlying cause is the constant grinding and buffeting of two vast fragments of the Earth's crust, or "tectonic plates", driven together by hot, seething underlying material. Armenia is astride the region where the northward-moving Anatolian plate is forced into the Eurasian plate.

The most destructive earthquake on record was probably that which struck Lisbon, Portugal, in November, 1755, being judged to have registered between 8.8 and 9 on the Richter scale. The most powerful ever recorded scientifically was that which struck Lebu, Chile, on May 22, 1960, which recorded 8.8, equivalent to five million hydrogen bombs.

The global pattern of major tremors



Chronology of worst modern-day disasters



Earthquakes have claimed tens of thousands of victims around the world in the past 20 years (Reuter reports).

But the most lethal in recorded history hit Shanxi in China during 1556, killing 830,000 people.

In 1920, an earthquake in China's Jiangsu province killed 180,000, and in September, 1923, the Great Kanto Earthquake in the Tokyo area killed 100,000 people.

On July 28, 1976, China suffered the worst earthquake in modern history.

Some 240,000 died when the north-eastern city of Tangshan was almost completely levelled by an earthquake measuring 7.8 on the open-ended Richter scale.

An earthquake is classified as major when its magnitude measures more than seven points on the scale.

The other severe earthquakes in which at least 1,000 people have died over the past two decades were at:

Khorasan, Iran, August 1968 An estimated 12,000 people were killed in this north-eastern province;

Gediz, Turkey, March 1970 More than 1,100 people died and this city in western Turkey was almost completely destroyed;

Yungay, Peru, May 1970 As many as 70,000 people were killed and 600,000 left homeless by an earthquake and subsequent avalanche that buried this northern resort city;

Guatemala City, February 1976 Nearly 23,000 people died in the quake and mudslides north of the capital. The quake measured 7.5 on the Richter scale and left a 200-mile fissure eight feet wide and 10 ft deep;

Mindanao, the Philippines, August 1976 An earthquake and an 18 ft tidal wave killed an estimated 8,000 people and left 150,000 homeless on the island;

Van, Turkey, November 1976 More than 4,000 people died in eastern Turkey;

Bucharest, Romania, March 1977 Part of the capital was destroyed and more than 1,500 people were killed;

Tabas, Iran, September 1978 As many as 25,000 people lost their lives in the earthquake and various aftershocks, measuring up to 7.7 on the Richter scale;

Ech Cheliff, Algeria, October 1980 Some 4,500 people were killed in the city of 100,000 about 100 miles south-west of Algiers;

Naples, November 1980 The city was near the centre of an earthquake that caused devastation in much of southern Italy and killed an estimated 4,800 people;

Dhamar Province, North Yemen, December 1982 Some 3,000 people were killed when an earthquake devastated villages, hamlets and settlements over a 1,500 square mile area;

Pasinler, Turkey, October 1983 About 1,300 people died in an earthquake near this eastern Turkish city;

Mexico City, September 19, 1985 At least 10,000 were killed by quake measuring 8.1, three times as powerful as the 1976 Chinese disaster;

San Salvador, El Salvador, October 10, 1986 A quake measuring 7.5 killed about 1,500 people, injured 20,000 and left 300,000 homeless;

Yunnan province, China, November 6, 1988 Officials said about 1,000 people died and 3,900 were seriously injured in an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale.

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Strike marks first year of the Palestinian uprising

From Ian Murray, Jabaliya camp, occupied Gaza Strip

This is where it began a year ago, although nobody realized it at the time. Then it seemed no more than another violent demonstration, a few more shot Palestinians and a few hundred tear-gassed.

Such outbursts were not exceptional in the occupied territories.

Since then, however, there have been new Palestinian "martyrs" at the rate of almost one a day and the Arab word *intifada* (uprising) has passed into the international lexicon. The old image of an embattled Jewish state confronting a hostile Arab world has been turned on its head.

Yesterday was no exception. A youth, aged 17, was killed and another boy wounded in a clash with soldiers at the village of Rihiya, south of Hebron in the West Bank, as Palestinians throughout the occupied territories observed the first day of a two-day general strike called to mark the first anniversary of the *intifada*. The United States has found itself isolated with Israel in the United Nations, which moves to Geneva next week to debate the Palestinian issue.

Pressures are building to settle one of the more intractable conflicts in the world. There is change for which the *intifada* can take a great deal of credit.

Mr Faisal Awaidah, the PLO representative in London, yesterday accused Britain of failing to use its influence on the US and Israel, and called for a meeting with ministers to hasten a settlement of the Palestinian problem (Nicholas Beeston writes). He was not satisfied with the British response, saying "it is high time they become more positive".

Inside the camp, however, things have changed only for the worse since last January when Mr David Mellor – since shifted from the Foreign Office where he was a Minister of State – made some undiplomatic remarks about the quality of life here.

The pond in the middle of Jabaliya is still an open cesspit. Poverty-line incomes have dropped dramatically. Curfews have disrupted schooling and everyday life. Every family tells its own story of beatings, arrests and brutality. If anything the Israeli troops, angrily policing the camp, are just as miserable. In the tented towns thrown up to house them behind barbed wire-topped embankments, they are uncomfortable and unhappy.

They hate the unsoldierly job of fighting against stone-throwing children and spitting women. Trained to fight battles, they resent the monotony of checking and patrolling a sullen and not always silent people.

However reprehensible, it is not surprising that the resentment sometimes boils over and the troops go on a rampage as happened last month when 21 paratroopers smashed up cars in Kalandia near Jerusalem.

Many are also prey to doubts about the total justness of their cause. More than half of the Army voted in last month's elections for right-wing parties who want to keep the occupied territories. But a large minority voted for parties prepared to give up land for peace.

Some 50 soldiers have even preferred to go to jail than to serve in the territories. The current deadlocked national political scene adds to the uncertainties.

No such doubts appear to exist in Jabaliya, where shared sufferings have succeeded in unifying the resolve and ending long-standing differences.

"All the people in the camp are one family now," says Mr Mahmoud Sahtar, a primary-school teacher. "There used to be a lot of differences between us, but now we are all one."

A whole new mythology and spirit has been born of the *intifada* which makes nonsense of claims by right-wing politicians that the resistance could be smashed in a few days if the Army were only given its head. The new spirit is almost tangible if you spend a night under curfew talking to the people.

One effect of the *intifada* has been to push up the births and marriage rate. Long curfews have forced people to stay in at night and more babies than ever are being born. Lack of money, with no need to provide dowries, expensive presents or costly receptions, has actually encouraged young couples to get married.

Veteran on campaign trail

Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike, aged 72, the former Sri Lankan Prime Minister who is the main opposition candidate in this month's presidential election, addressing a campaign rally at Gampaha, near Colombo. She claimed that she would win by a million votes – if she were allowed to (Reuter reports).

"Go and vote early in the day, before others impersonate you," she urged supporters of her Sri Lanka Freedom Party. "Wait at the polls and see the ballot boxes are protected – under this Government, they tend to disappear."

Her main campaign planks are the security situation and the economy, both of which she claims have deteriorated under the governing United National Party. She declared that "this Government has brought a foreign army on to your soil, an army larger than your own country's", referring to the 50,000 Indian troops flown in last year to try to disarm Tamil rebels in the north and east.

She poured scorn on the promise of Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, the Prime Minister and the United National presidential candidate, to guarantee 2,500 rupees (about £45) a month to families living on government food stamps, saying: "This offer is absurd. It covers two million families and would take three-quarters of the national budget."

Naguib Mahfouz discussing his work in Cairo yesterday.

Ban stays on Nobel winner

From Christopher Walker
Cairo

Tomorrow's presentation of the Nobel Prize for Literature to the daughters of Naguib Mahfouz, the only Arabic writer to win the award, will be overshadowed by a bitter dispute in his native Egypt about a ban imposed on one of his most famous novels, *The Children of Gebelawi*. Officials at al-Azhar, Cairo's 1,000-year-old Islamic institute, have ruled that the ban imposed on the work 20 years ago is still valid.

Serialization was halted this week in the mass circulation evening paper, *al-Messa*.

The ban has embarrassed the moderate Government of President Mubarak as the novel, which questions religious norms in an Islamic society, is already published freely in other Muslim countries. It is soon to appear in English, outside Egypt, as part of a lucrative deal announced yesterday and partially negotiated by Mrs Jackie Onassis between the author's Egyptian publishers and Doubleday of New York.

Detainees rearrested on way to freedom

Singapore (AFP) – Four people held without trial since April under the Internal Security Act were rearrested minutes after they were released from custody on a court order.

The four were about to leave the Whitley Detention Centre when Internal Security Department officers asked them to get into a car, witnesses said. The detainees – lawyers Teo Soh Lung and Kevin De Souza, a publisher, Wong Souk Yee, and a lecturer, Chng Suan Tze – refused and a scuffle broke out.

They were served with what appeared to be fresh detention orders in the car.

Murder charge

Mombasa (Reuter) – Five Kenyans were remanded for trial on March 7 charged with robbing and murdering a Danish teacher, Mr Pelle Palm, at his holiday bungalow near Mombasa last month.

Defence order

Brussels (Reuter) – The Italian aerospace group Agusta Spa said it had won a helicopter order from the Belgian Army worth £173 million after a fierce fight with French rival Aerospatiale.

Bus tragedy

Belgrade (Reuter) – Five people were killed and 51 injured when a bus skidded off an icy road in eastern Yugoslavia on Wednesday night.

Pilot defects

Islamabad (AFP) – An Afghan air force pilot defected yesterday and landed his MiG21 aircraft at an airfield in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan.

Villagers live on hope after flood

From Edward Gorman, Fulbria, Bangladesh

The village of Fulbria, 30 miles east of Dhaka and close to the mighty Meghna River, is strung out on a raised mud bank shaded by lychee, bamboo, mango and jack-fruit trees. For the 200 or so families it contains, the pressing question is whether the food will last out until the April, or *boro*, rice harvest.

For the first time in years, the farmers are growing potato and corn over the winter, using seeds provided as emergency assistance by the Government.

More than half of the families are landless and work their tiny acreages as share-croppers. The landlord provides seed and fertilizer. In return, the farmers surrender up to 75 per cent of the crop. The average income in this relatively prosperous community is a mere 40,000 taka (about £660) per year.

It rained here for seven days without interruption in August. The water, exceeding even the levels of the worst previous flood in 1953, quickly swamped the entire village, destroying homes and possessions.

But, most important of all, the waters washed away the October, or *aman*, rice crop. "The people have not fully recovered from the scars of the floods. There is hope but still we suffer from the nightmare," explained Mr Shaheen Kamal, aged 20, a student at a nearby district college. For 18 days, he said, the villagers were forced to squeeze onto the roofs of the few brick-built houses.

He shares the general unease about the corn and potatoes. The plan is to try to sell the crops, together with chillies and mustard, and use the money to buy rice.

But he is worried about what he expects will be sharp increases in the price of increasingly scarce rice during the coming months, and it will be some time yet before the potatoes are ready. "I don't think we can survive until the next rice crop because there is not really enough stored food in the village," he says without a trace of self pity.

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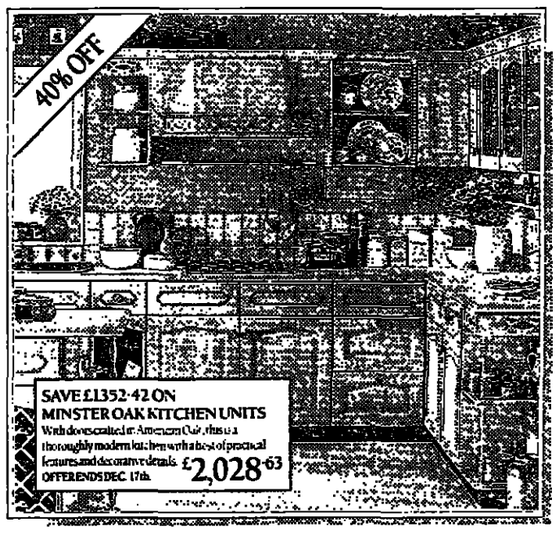

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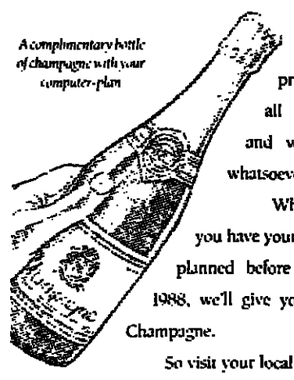
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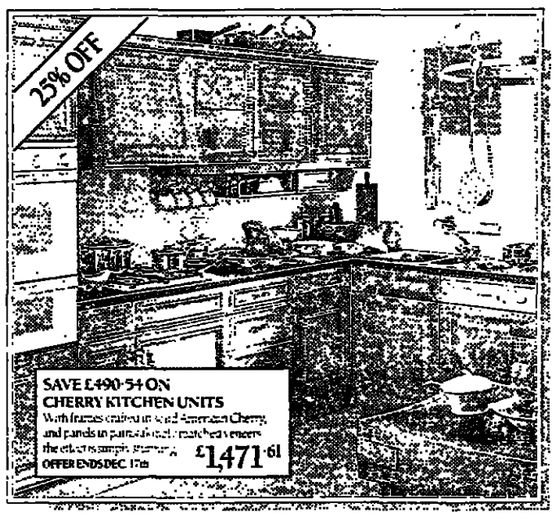

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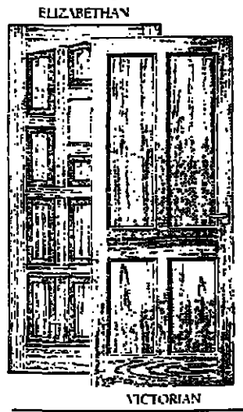
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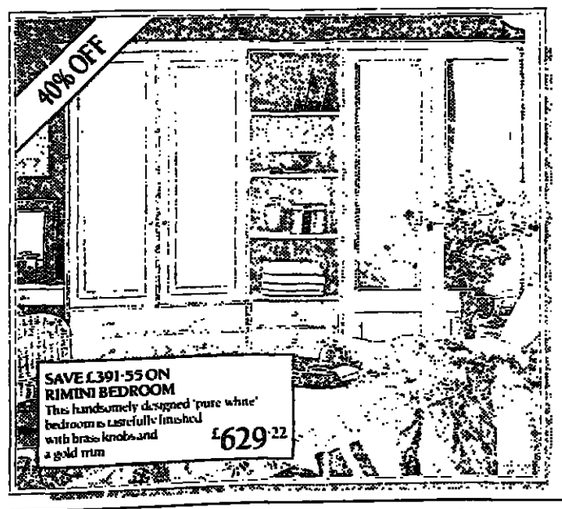

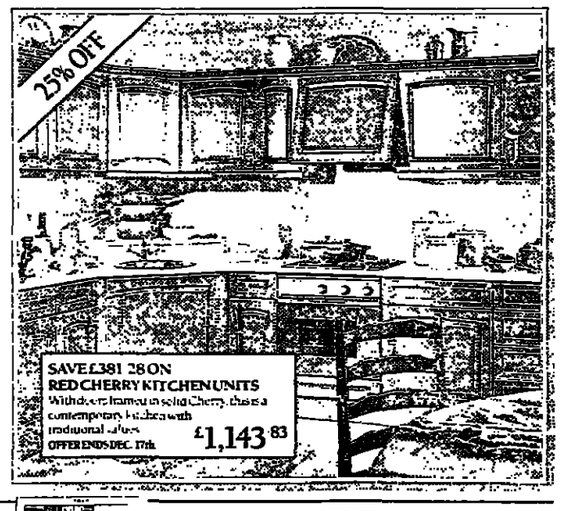

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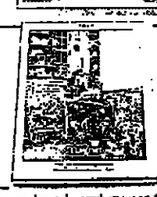

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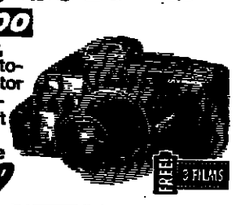

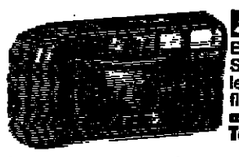

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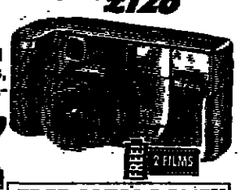

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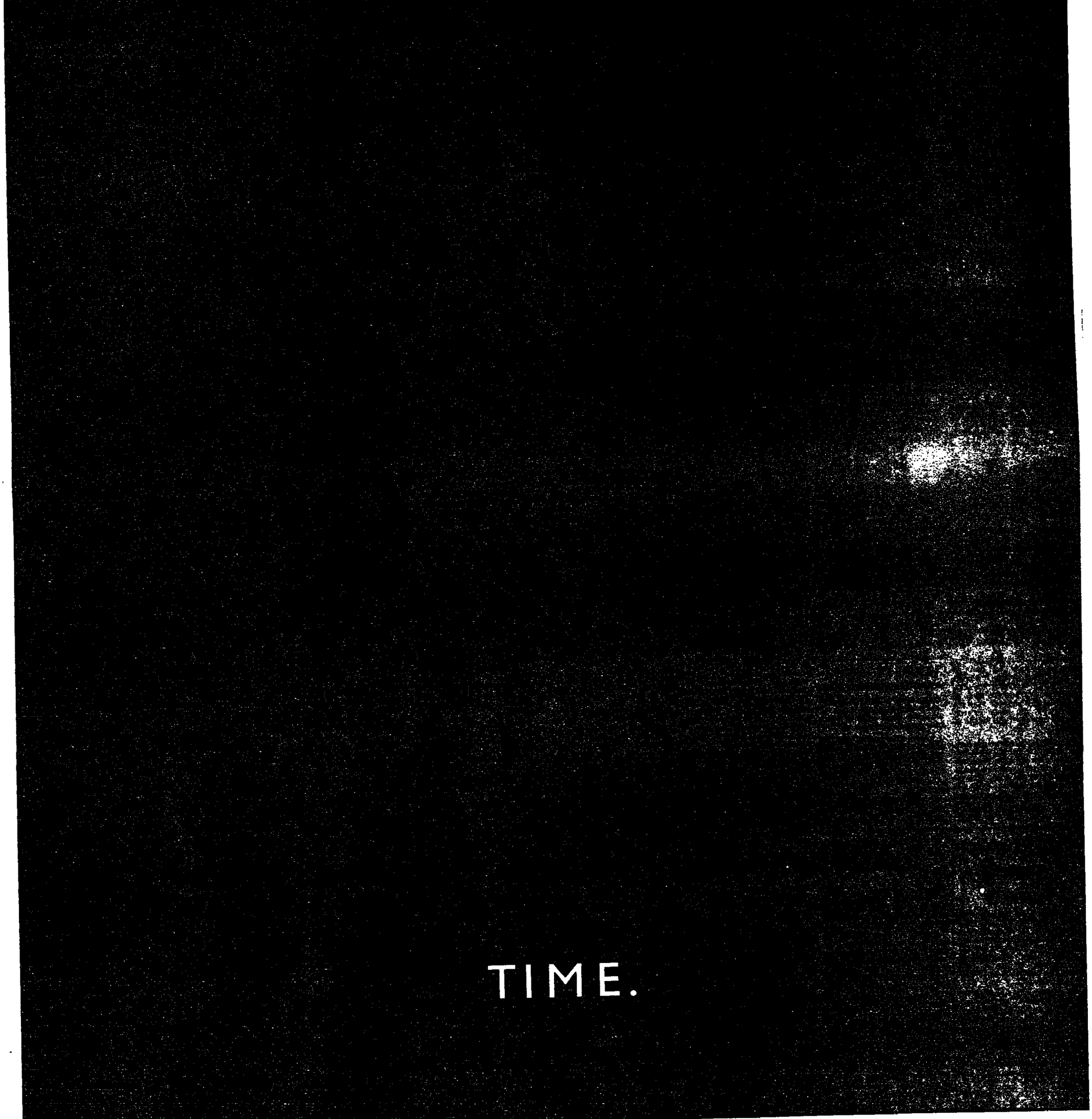

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PARLIAMENT

Thatcher caution on arms offer

PRIME MINISTER

President Gorbachov's unilateral offer of arms reductions were an important step towards a better balance of forces in Europe, **Mrs Thatcher** told the Commons at question time, but it must be kept in perspective.

The leaders of the Labour and Social and Liberal Democrat parties called the Soviet president's initiative historic.

Mrs Thatcher, however, gave details of the superior armaments that the Soviet Union would enjoy even after any reductions.

She said that she was "quite ready to believe that Labour would throw away the defence of this country".

Mrs Thatcher began by saying that she was sure that the whole House would wish to join in offering sympathy to the victims and those bereaved in the earthquake that had afflicted the Soviet Union. **Mr Neil Kinnock** joined her in offering sympathy to the people of Armenia.

The questions were opened by **Mr Phillip Oppenheim** (Amber Valley, C), who said that the cuts proposed by Mr Gorbachov would never have been made if this Government — (loud Opposition laughter) — had followed the one-sided disarmament proposals advocated by the Opposition and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Mrs Thatcher: We have welcomed the unilateral reductions in forces and armaments proposed by Mr Gorbachov as an important step towards securing a better balance of forces in Europe in view of the Soviet Union's present overwhelming superiority.

But there was, she said, a need to keep a perspective.

Even after the reductions the Russians would have 41,500 tanks as opposed to Nato's 16,500; 35,000 artillery pieces compared to Nato's 14,000; 7,400 aircraft compared to 4,000 in Nato.

"There will still be a major assymetry in the Soviet Union's favour. There is still a lot of tough negotiating to do."

Mr Kinnock: May I join her in offering our deepest sympathy to the people of Armenia at this time of great suffering and loss of life, and strongly support the offers she has made elsewhere to provide help where it may be necessary?

President Gorbachov has taken another great and historic step towards the time that the use or threat of force is no longer an instrument of foreign policy.

Will she ensure that in deeds as well as in words, she matches his realism and vision?

Mrs Thatcher: We all join in extending our sympathy to the Soviet Union. We stand ready with the Disaster Relief Unit at the Foreign Office to offer any help we can.

We have had an urgent request for thermal-imaging equipment, which was used so successfully to locate people under collapsed buildings in Mexico. We are organizing a team of London firemen with experience in the use of the equipment and they are standing ready (cheers).

I indicated that the figures still remaining in conventional forces are the great ace in the trick.

We were anxious to get talks to secure asymetrical disarmament. There is still plenty of scope to do that and we shall pursue it with Nato.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab): Mean-minded!

Mrs Thatcher: It is very far from mean-minded. It is certain that President Gorbachov is aware that we are as determined to defend our way of life as surely as he is to defend his.

Mr Neil Kinnock (left) and Mr Paddy Ashdown, who both called President Gorbachov's arms initiative historic

A **Labour MP:** Your way of life.

Mrs Thatcher: I repeat that the superiority of the Soviet armed forces over ours is more than two to one.

Mr Kinnock: President Gorbachov said at the United Nations: "We are witnessing the emergence of a new historic reality — a turning away from the principle of super-armament to the principle of reasonable defence sufficiency".

Will she take the opportunity to say what, in her view, for Britain, is reasonable defence sufficiency? Does it include the purchase of a new generation of nuclear weapons?

Mrs Thatcher: It consists of making an accurate assessment of the weaponry, nuclear, chemical and conventional, which a potential aggressor still has, and making certain that we are in a position to deter aggression.

I am quite ready to believe that Labour would throw away the defence of this country.

The approach I have indicated is one we shall follow.

We shall look at the weaponry they have and make our defences deter.

Mr Kenneth Hind (West Lancashire, C): When we compare British spending on defence at about 5.1 per cent of gross national product, compared with 13 per cent by the Soviet Union, will she agree that President Gorbachov makes a virtue out of necessity so as to bring his people up to the standard of living enjoyed in the West.

Mrs Thatcher: I think that we all know that the proportion of GDP spent on arms in the Soviet Union is greatly in excess of anything any democratic country can do. Our own is 4.2 and the Soviet Union's is much more.

The proposals by President Gorbachov in the United Nations were made genuinely to reduce conventional weapons and the dissymetry is on his side, and he wishes to put up the standard of living of people in the Soviet Union.

Our task is to make sure that we always have defences but at the same time always to extend the hand of friendship (Conservative cheers).

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Democrats, said that Mr Gorbachov's speech marked an historical turning point.

"I beg her to realize that she must use her influence to see that there is an effective and substantial response from Western leaders to maintain the momentum of national disarmament and make sure that President Gorbachov's position is strengthened in the Soviet Union."

Mrs Thatcher: I was the first Western leader to welcome President Gorbachov's reforms — and publicly — because I believe that any possibility of enlargement of freedom in the Soviet Union is not only to the advantage of people there, but of the whole world.

Of course I welcome the words he used in the United Nations, when he said that the principle of freedom of choice is mandatory. I wish everyone on the Labour side believed in that. Freedom of choice is a universal principle.

"We should allow of no exceptions." I agree with that too.

She said that because of Nato's stand, they had had far more disarmament than they could have hoped for.

Mr Winston Churchill (Davyhulme, C) asked that, in response to Mr Gorbachov's significant gesture in the UN and out of humanitarian concern for the people of Armenia, the Prime Minister should offer an air-lifted field hospital and assistance from the Royal Engineers.

Letter debate plea refused

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, refused requests for a debate or a statement over the Foreign Office diplomat who criticized the Prime Minister in a letter to *The Guardian*. He said that the matter was now the subject of disciplinary procedure and it would be wrong to comment further.

Mr Richard Caborn (Sheffield Central, Lab) had asked for the Prime Minister to make a statement on the incident in view of the serious allegations made by Mr Patrick Haseldine, a second secretary at the Foreign Office.

Egg remarks criticized

The ill considered, if considered at all, remarks about salmonella and eggs by Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary of State for Health, had done much damage to the poultry industry and there should be a statement, **Sir Hal Miller** (Bromsgrove, C) said during business questions.

Although the matter had been treated with some levity on Monday, it was a serious for the industry. He wanted a statement from the Ministry of Agriculture to explain the situation.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, said that he would refer the suggestion to the Ministry of Agriculture.

'Support UK tank' call

Knowing the Prime Minister's fondness for photo opportunities with British tanks, she should "go for the Challenger 2 tank" as a new main battle tank for the British Army. **Mr John Battle** (Leeds West, Lab) told Mrs Thatcher during questions. It was the best value and the best deal for the British taxpayer, he said.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday and Tuesday: Electricity Bill, second reading.
Wednesday: Debate on British Shipbuilders.
Thursday: Security Service Bill, second reading.
Friday: Debate on private member's motion on protection for unborn children.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:
Monday: Debate on Fennell report on the King's Cross fire.
Tuesday: Debate on White Paper *Broadcasting in the 90s. Competition, Choice and Quality*.
Wednesday: Debates on Southern Africa and on violation of human rights in Uganda, Iran and Chile.
Thursday: Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Bill, second reading. Debate on package travel.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on Multi-Fibre Arrangement.

Holiday recess

The Commons will rise for the Christmas recess on Thursday, December 22, and return on Tuesday, January 10. The Lords will also rise on December 22 but not return until January 16.

Welsh rate-support grant 'will help regeneration'

WALES

The rate-support grant for Wales for the next financial year will enable councils to contribute to the accelerating economic and social regeneration of the principality, **Mr Peter Walker,** Secretary of State for Wales, said when he gave the main elements in a Commons statement.

He said that provision for total expenditure would be set at £2,057.8 million, about £124.7 million, or 6.5 per cent, above the 1988-89 budgets.

Provision for current expenditure was set at £1,785 million, an increase of £86.6 million, or 5.1 per cent above 1988-89 budgets.

Aggregate Exchequer grant was set at £1,316 million, an increase of £63 million, or 5 per cent, above the amount made available for 1988-89, and £68.6 million, or 5.5 per cent, over the amount to be paid out in respect of 1988-89.

Specific and supplementary grants totalled £267 million.

Domestic rate relief grant remained unchanged at 18.5p in the pound, and in aggregate was £27 million.

Block grant totalled £1,021.9 million, an increase of £50.7 million, or 5.2 per cent, over the amount paid in respect of 1988-89.

The settlement, he said, provided stability and provided a firm indication of grant entitlement. Authorities would know when they were setting the budgets what they would receive in way of grant and support.

Mr Barry Jones, Opposition spokesman on Wales, said that the settlement was unsatisfactory like all its predecessors since 1980. It showed a clever sleight of hand.

It ignored the rise in inflation and interest rates. Current expenditure was £37 million short and district councils would be £7 million down on block grant. The Government was still dictating specific grant.

"The casualties will be housing benefit administration, school services, environmental health, recreation and leisure services, and the crucial local authority efforts in economic development to create jobs" (Labour cheers).

It would be hard to hold rate rises down to decent levels. The statement was based on a gross domestic product deflator of 4 per cent and interest rates of 9.5 per cent.

It was insufficient to meet the needs of local authorities when the GDP deflator was now estimated at 5 per cent, inflation was 6.4 per cent and forecast to rise to 8 per cent next spring, and interest rates were 13 per cent. It would put a great strain on local authorities.

Chancellor defends strategy

Interest rates 'well targeted'

TREASURY

The effect of a rise in interest rates was most pronounced in the South-east, where the overheating in the economy was, **Mr Nigel Lawson,** Chancellor of the Exchequer, said during questions. That showed how well targeted an instrument of policy interest rates were.

From the Opposition front bench, **Mr Nicholas Brown** said that inflation was higher now than when the Chancellor first tried to attack it.

Replying to four questions couched in identical terms, **Mr Lawson** said that mortgage interest payments and nationalized industry price rises were both reflected in the retail prices index.

Because average earnings were rising more quickly than the index, it followed that the average earner had seen a rise in his standard of living, even before account was taken of tax cuts in this year's Budget.

Mr Thomas Graham (West Renfrew and Inverclyde, Lab) said that in some areas the biggest cause of homelessness was mortgage default. Many people who had bought their houses in good faith had been badly let down by the Chancellor.

"How high have interest rates to go before he admits that his policies are wrong. How many more must be made homeless because of your incompetence?"

Mr Lawson: The overwhelming cause of mortgage default is broken marriages. It is nothing to do with mortgage rates (protests). That is a fact.

Dr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab): What has he to say to the average wage earner who received £12 by way of tax cuts in the Budget and has since had to pay £30 a month by way of increased mortgage payments, leaving him and his wife and family £18 a month worse off.

Who is to blame, the Chancellor or the couple? It is his fiscal and other policies that are driving more and more Scots into the seductive but impotent embrace of the nationalist party.

Mr Lawson: I understand the problem posed to the Labour Party by the national party in Scotland, but I do not want to intrude into private grief.

The average earner, fully taking mortgage increases into account, is substantially better off even before tax cuts in the Budget are taken into account.

After an exchange on electricity prices, **Mr Timothy Smith** (Beaconsfield, C) said: Were we to have the misfortune to have had a Labour Government, not only would electricity prices and mortgage rates go up, but income tax as well.

Mr Lawson: He is making a very good point. For a married man on average earnings with two children, real earnings have risen under this Government by 29 per cent and under Labour there was virtually no rise whatever.

During the period of the Labour Government we had the lowest rate of growth under any government since the war, with low productivity in manufacturing, profitability and a fall in manufacturing output, and the highest rates of inflation and taxation.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) said that in the north of England, where there had not been the ridiculous rises in property prices as in the South, the increase in wages and the tax cuts meant that people were better off.

Mr Lawson: Defaults caused by broken marriages

The problem was a fall in the savings ratio and an increase in personal borrowing. An increase in interest rates encouraged savers and discouraged borrowing.

Mr Lawson said that that was absolutely correct. Particularly now the personal sector was a net borrower for the first time, the effect of a rise in interest rates was most pronounced in the South-east, which was where the over-heating was. That showed how well targeted as an instrument of policy it was.

Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C) said that for the average man the main thing was to stabilize and lower inflation. The Chancellor's policy, to anyone who understood it, was bound to have a lead-time of five to eight months. Critics should keep quiet until its success was seen some time in the new year.

Mr Lawson said that the track record of the Opposition was one of total indifference to inflation.

"We will maintain inflation low, that is what we have done since we took office and that is what is far more to the people of this country than anything else."

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs, asked Mr Lawson to rule out savage rises in interest rates in the new year. Any problem could be tackled by measures to give tax relief to savings and discourage credit.

Mr Brown, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that Mr Lawson had just published a list giving the net loss of income to mortgage holders. How much would the Government have to reduce income tax to offset such losses and what would be the effect of such tax cuts on interest rates?

Mr Lawson said that the average earner was far better off now than a year ago, despite the increase in mortgage rates. The published table did not take into account increases in earnings or higher interest rates for savers.

"I am not going to take lectures from the Labour Party — (Labour protests) — on inflation when the average rate of inflation under Labour was 15.5 per cent. Not in one single month did they ever get it as low as it is today.

Attack on IRA ban rejected

HOUSE OF LORDS

Accusations that the Government's broadcasting ban on terrorist organizations in Northern Ireland represented a serious incursion into the right of freedom of expression were rejected by the *Earl Ferrers*, deputy Leader of the House of Lords.

Opening a debate on the ban, he said that broadcasters remained free to report the activities of such organizations and to report the actual words used by their representatives. Only direct access was being restricted.

"We should not be misled by those who seek to make comparisons with the extensive restrictions and prevention of reporting which exist in countries such as South Africa."

Those comparisons were a distortion of the limited action which the Government was taking in order to protect UK citizens from the intrusive and inflammatory voices of terrorism.

Those who practised and supported terorrism and violence should not be allowed direct access to radio and television screens in the UK. Any freedom carried its obligations and no freedom could justify terrorism.

People did not wish to be subjected through a powerful medium to propaganda and threats from the voices of terrorism. That was not what television and radio were for.

"Nor do we accept that that it was ever intended that the precious and privileged resources of broadcasting should be used for this purpose. We do not want to see the fine tradition and reputation of British broadcasting sullied by advocation of violence and terrorism."

MP buys council house

There were loud Conservative cheers when **Mr Richard Holt** (Langbaurgh, C) disclosed during Treasury questions that Mr Frank Cook (Stockton North, Lab) had taken advantage of Government legislation and bought his council house at a 54 per cent discount.

Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said that if that was the case Mr Cook had had good sense to take advantage of the opportunities that the Government had created for all working people. "I am very proud of the fact that one million others have joined him in taking advantage of the right to buy."

Mr Cook: The purchase of council housing by sitting tenants is not against Labour Party been possible in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees since the early 1920s.

Mr Lilley said that it would be interesting to know whether Mr Cook had joined so many of his colleagues in voting against the right-to-buy legislation. Labour MPs would be very embarrassed by the issue being raised.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that it would be in the spirit of comradeship on the Labour benches if the names were published of the Labour MPs and councillors who had taken advantage of the right-to-buy legislation.

Mr Lilley agreed that Mr Gow was doing his best to stir up unity in the Labour Party.

Labour pledge to nationalize water

The following report of the first of two days' debate in the Commons on the privatization of the water industry appeared in later editions yesterday.

PRIVATIZATION

Labour would not allow private monopolies in water to exist and would take them into public ownership, **Dr John Cunningham,** Opposition spokesman on the environment, told MPs at the start of the debate.

Water, he said, was the people's most fundamental natural resource.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, moving the second reading of the Water Bill, opened the debate by explaining why the Government thought it necessary to set up a new and separate body to control pollution of rivers and water supplies.

He said that the Government was convinced of the need for a National Rivers Authority. There was a distinction between the utility services of the water authorities' trading activities, which could be better managed in the private sector, and the need to regulate in the public interest.

"Regulation should not be done by those who have a financial interest in the matters to be regulated."

Dr Cunningham said that the real motive for the Bill was to create the right conditions to sell the nation's water reserves for private profit. It would mean the biggest private monopoly created by this Government.

"Labour will not hesitate to ensure that essential fundamental services are controlled in the national interest."

Mr Livsey: We will oppose this Bill vehemently

Water charges had gone up 150 per cent under this Government because there had been a deliberate policy to raise them above the rate of inflation to fatten the industry for privatization.

Even water industry chairmen estimated that charges would rise by 50 to 80 per cent. Labour stood by its claim that if this squalid Bill proceeded, domestic water charges would at least double and almost certainly go up more.

There were huge conflicts of interest running right through the Bill. Water authorities were important holders of public assets. Through them, the people owned half a million acres, much of it in the national parks. No one knew its cash value.

"Asset-stripping will be the name of the game. Small wonder that the French are falling over themselves to buy in."

After privatization most of the water authorities' estate would be transferred to the new private water companies, which in turn might transfer it to subsidiary companies with responsibility for leisure, recreation and land development.

"Alternatively, land surplus to requirements might simply be sold. Public access and conservation would be threatened.

"The Secretary of State proposes the incredible and absurd theory that to protect the Lake District we must sell it. It is stupefying nonsense and undermines national policy to protect our heritage and environment, pursued by government for the past 50 years and horrifies millions of people of all political persuasions."

The Democrats joined Labour's condemnation of the Government's plans. **Mr Richard Livsey,** Democrat spokesman on water, said that there was no competition in the Bill. The water industry had always been seen as a service and not suitable for privatization.

"We on these benches will oppose this Bill vehemently."

There was a danger that the National Rivers Authority would be "toothless" and unable to cope with the voracious demands of the water companies for more profits at the expense of consumers and the environment. There was concern that the authority would not be properly financed for its duties.

Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C) said that the Bill contained some of the most advanced measures for the protection of water quality since the Control Of Pollution Act, 1974. But he wondered whether all the other responsibilities of the authority would "muddy the water" of its pollution control work.

Sir Charles Morrison (Devizes, C) said that he was not sure how the Bill would provide competition. Mr Ridley had referred to comparative competition.

"But I do not think there will be competition in any normal sense of the word. I believe the Bill creates an opportunity for public monopolies to become private monopolies."

Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab) said that he feared for the future of some areas of national park land. As water catchment areas they had little commercial value, but if sold and planning permission were granted, their value would change overnight.

Sir Anthony Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) said that some of the fears over the privatization were as ludicrous as some of the fears over eggs. There would be as much chance of getting stomach cancer from nitrates in water in Anglia as there would be of Mrs Edwina Currie being struck dumb.

"It is vital that this industry, which is so important, is owned by those who are interested in it and want to be associated with it, rather than by a faceless bureaucracy."

Mr Gareth Wardell (Gower, Lab) said that pulling the plug on the water industry was one of the most hypocritical acts ever contemplated by this Government. It was ridiculous, expensive, and unnecessary.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said that profits could only be made by charges. People would be horrified at the prospect of water being run by a network of private companies whose control might change overnight and whose shares might be traded on the stock exchanges of the world.

Mr David Hinchliffe (Wakefield, Lab) said that this was the most evil measure proposed by a profoundly evil Government because it struck at a most basic human need.

"The Bill is the ultimate in Tory complacency. It is about people washing less, cleaning less and flushing the toilet less. It is about profit and pollution, it is about disease, and above all it is about Tory dogma, which was dead and buried a century ago."

Mr Henry Bellingham (North West Norfolk, C) emphasized that sea and tidal defences should be preserved in the Bill.

"If the greenhouse effect does lead to sea level going up by two or three feet, my constituency will disappear. A great deal of the Queen's estate at Sandringham will also disappear. Water will be lapping at the front door of Sandringham. It would be a disaster."

The debate was adjourned.

Sell-off 'will bring more efficiency'

PRIVATIZATION

Water was a sensitive issue in Wales, partly because they could supply it to others more cheaply than they could buy it themselves. **Mr Wyn Roberts,** Minister of State for Wales, said when opening the second day of debate on the second reading of the Water Bill.

"Our geography, which provides for an abundance of rain, requires that our water charges, related as they must be, to distribution costs, are relatively high."

He was confident that the privatization of the utility functions of the water authorities in Wales would allow the provision of a more efficient operation to the benefit of Welsh consumers.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C) asked whether the gap between charges for water in Wales and the Severn-Trent authority area would close when the Bill came into effect.

Mr Wyn Roberts: I believe the privatization of the utility functions of the authority will make for greater efficiency and contribute towards a reduction of prices, but there are other factors to be taken into account.

The Bill would not break up a system of integrated river management, but would sensibly divide the functional provision of water and sewerage services from the present regulatory and promotional roles. It would lead to a better system of benefit to all.

The privatized water and sewerage undertakers must have freedom to dispose of land surplus to their operational requirements. The Welsh Water Authority had that right already.

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Meirionydd Nant Conwy, Pl C) asked for an assurance that the undertakers would not dispose of land in national parks and that environmentally sensitive land in national parks would not be privatized.

Mr Roberts said that he could not give that assurance.

The Bill allowed for charges to be made for recreational facilities, but they were not free now.

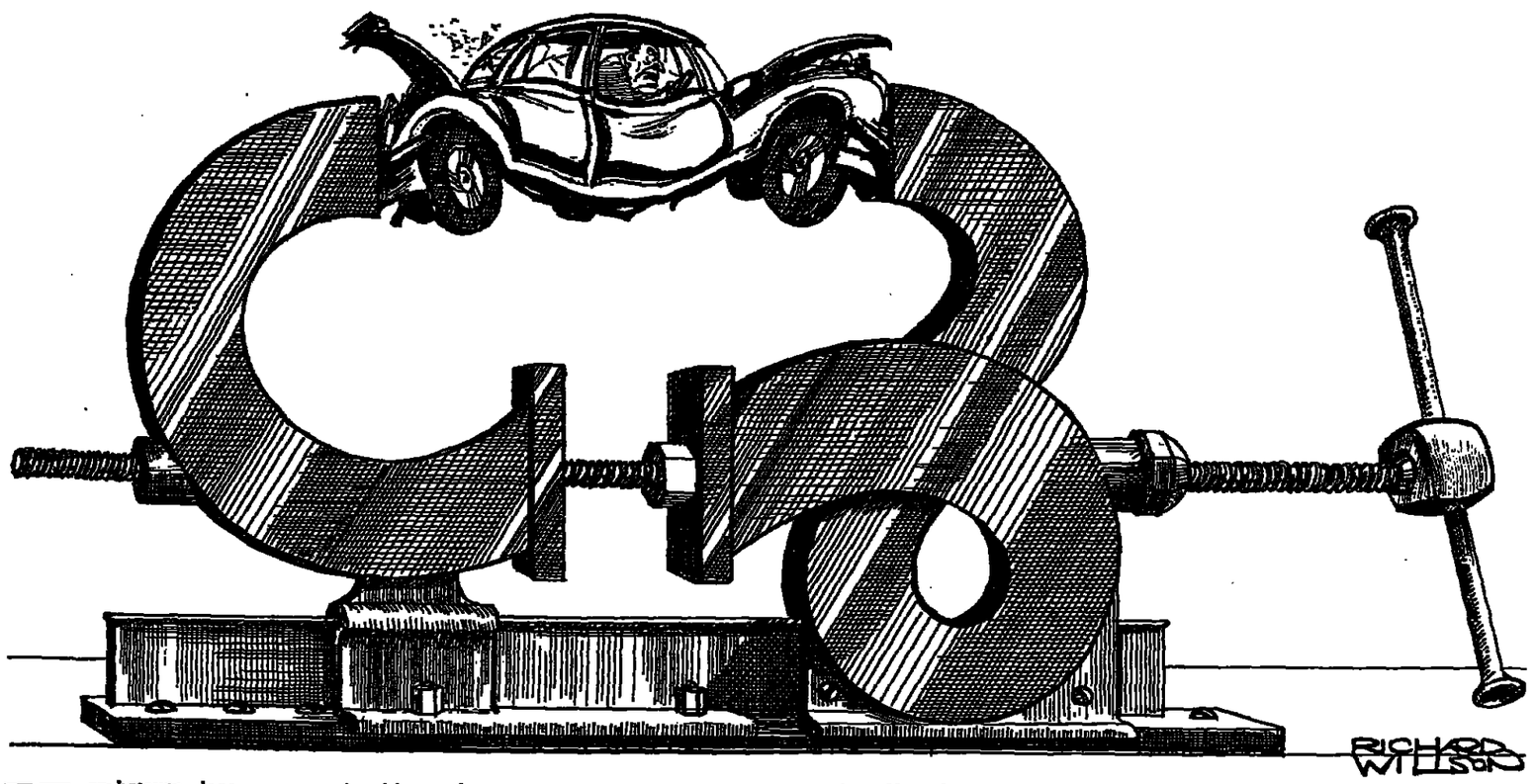
Mr Barry Jones, Opposition spokesman on Wales, demanded to know why Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, was not present for the second reading. Labour MPs angrily called for Mr Walker to return to the chamber.

Mr Jones said that the Bill was arguably the most important measure to face Wales this year. The Welsh Water Authority had one million customers, three million consumers, and 4,600 employees. "The overhwelming majority are against privatization."

Vast sums of money were needed for enviromental improvements, but few people in Wales believed it would be available. "We in Wales are sceptical of the Government's supposed good intentions and cynical because of the Government's record so far."

SPECTRUM

Time to put on the big clamp



GETTING LONDON MOVING

Part 5: Parking and traffic management

In the final part of the series on the capital's transport, Paul Vallely finds agreement on harsher penalties for illegal parking

Whatever long-term strategy the Government adopts to combat expensive congestion on London's roads, it must begin by ensuring that the existing system is operating at maximum efficiency. Improving existing traffic management will be even more important if the Government continues a policy of mend and patch.

Yet, according to one of the most senior students of transport economics, Peter Hall, Professor of Geography at Reading University, there is a lamentable failure to manage existing resources properly. "It is just daft to talk about building new roads when the existing ones are full of illegally parked cars. A badly parked car can close an entire lane for several hundred yards. A line of them, can severely affect the capacity of an important road."

Traffic management is the term transport professionals use for a range of activities which include parking curbs, decisions on one-way streets and road signs, and the regulation of traffic lights. The milestones in its history were the introduction of the parking meter in 1958 and the yellow line. Such elementary measures had a huge effect on the high congestion in London in the Fifties and early Sixties, when car ownership boomed and petrol was cheap.

But, after that, increasing prosperity put more cars on the street and traffic flows became more turgid, despite an overall fall of almost a million in the population of Greater London.

Now that the population is once again rising and car ownership constantly breaks records, the measures to counter congestion have had to become more sophisticated and Draconian.

Scientists and technicians at the Government's Transport and Road Research Laboratory and at the Traffic Controls Systems Unit (TCSU), formerly operated by the Greater London Council, are working on complex electronics to squeeze extra cars through junctions by creating traffic lights which are more sensitive to the build-up and rate of flow on each of the approach roads.

Almost half of London's 2,600 traffic lights are now linked into a central control room at Scotland Yard. At the TCSU headquarters in nearby Smith Square, a series of giant computers are being installed for a system called Scoot (Split Cycle Offset Optimization Technique). At present it operates only in the West End, but will eventually cover all of inner London. It can co-ordinate traffic light changes so that one set responds to the information gathered by all the others in the network.

A third system called Mova (Microprocessor Optimized Vehicle Automation) is at the experimental stage. It is an autonomous system for crucial junctions in more isolated locations which also measures incoming traffic more comprehensively.

New equipment also enables the TCSU to monitor all traffic lights for internal faults so that one of its private contractors can often be on the scene before the fault has even been reported.

A big experiment is under way in the Kent sector of Greater London, where transponders have been fitted to buses to turn traffic lights green as they approach. Initial results show a 30 per cent increase in bus predictability and a 40 per cent cut in costs.

Ken Oastler, director of the TCSU, speaks with understandable pride about all this technical achievement but admits that his is a task of Sisyphus. The new developments will bring efficiency increases of between 3 per cent and 10 per cent each, but car ownership in London is expected to rise by a further 30 per cent by the end of the century. Traffic managers are running to stand still.

Worse than that, according to Dr Martin Mogridge of University College, London, there is some evidence that traffic management compounds the problem. "The theory is that it reduces delay; in fact it just increases the volume of the traffic."

The only immediate solution, most planners believe, is a severe crack-down on illegal parking which, according to the Metropolitan Police, is becoming more reckless as congestion increases. Stuart Cole, principal lecturer in transport economics at North London Polytechnic, argues for more traffic wardens and harsher penalties.

"What is the point of a fine which is not much more than a driver would have had to pay if he parked all day in a private car park? Fines should be much higher and a charge for obstruction should bring points on the licence," he says.

Hall is even more rigorous: "Enforcement is the key. In London, people just have too good a chance of getting away with illegal parking. In many cities in the United States there is no gamble that you might get a fine: if you park illegally you will get a fine. That means more wardens and more tickets. Driving licences could be renewable annually; those who haven't paid fines would not be allowed to renew their licences."

If that fails, there is always the Singapore deterrent: those with three outstanding fines for breaking restraint laws have their cars confiscated.

Most of the 33 London boroughs are in favour of more traffic wardens and are pressing for wardens to be transferred from police jurisdiction to their own. Westminster City Council has just introduced its own private wardens, who issue £12 excess tickets to those who over-stay on meters. Its policy is to discourage car commuting, to provide parking space for residents and to improve turnaround on the meters provided for shoppers.

Beryl Arnold, the Met's senior civil servant on traffic control, says the police are uncomfortable about the idea. "Parking fines would become a civil debt. People would get a shock when the bailiff arrived if they hadn't paid. But this would mean that the offence would become decriminalized – we feel it is already viewed too easily that way," she says.

Such differences of opinion among the various parties responsible for transport problems in London are typical. There is no clarity of thought on the purpose of parking, according to Steve Glaister, of the London School of Economics. "Is it a surrogate form of road pricing? Is it a traffic management technique? Perhaps priorities need to be re-ordered. Which types of offences are most disruptive? In which areas would you most want to improve enforcement? Would privatized wardens be more effective? The practical policy will never be consistent until that fundamental issue is sorted out."

There are similar conflicts of interest in many areas of London's transport sector. "It is only coincidence when everyone pulls in the same direction," says Dr Phil Goodwin, of the Transport Studies Unit at Oxford University. "Things will probably never be right until there is a single body responsible for all the strategic decisions which affect transport in London."

The proposal for a strategic planning authority finds support from quarters as varied as Richard Diament, of the British Road Federation, and Stephen Plowden, transport adviser to Friends of the Earth. Inevitably, the suggestion raises the spectre of the Greater London Council.

Professor John Hibbs, of Birmingham Polytechnic, a free market advocate of road pricing, says: "The GLC's solution was to sling money at everything, but there was something to be said for what they were aiming to achieve if not for the way they tried to do it."

According to Hall: "It would have to be a slim-line body, not something like the GLC which had a huge bureaucracy and got bogged down in awful detail. There was a good case for abolishing the GLC, but there is also a good case for establishing this new body so long as it has teeth. That would mean authority over allocation of resources."

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF A TRAFFIC JAM

The view from the Area Traffic Control unit in New Scotland Yard is enough to give the meekest man a sense of god-like omnipotence. Without even approaching the window, he can see the state of the roads at 65 of the capital's most crucial junctions, through the images transmitted to monitor screens from cameras perched high on poles and parapets.

With the swivel of a switch on the panel before him, he can then retrain or zoom the lens so that his vision veers and swoops off to where the congestion seems to be building up. If necessary, he can tell any one of 1,500 sets of traffic and pedestrian lights when they should be changing to cope with the prevailing pattern of the traffic flow. If the problem has been caused by a breakdown, he can call on a computerized list of services in every part of town.

The sense of power turns out to be a wicked illusion; no sooner does some damned fool (the usual daily language in this room is seldom as sparing) of a motorist stop where he should not to nip into the shops, than the fan-shaped jam of cars, lorries and buses begins to form inexorably behind him. In no time at all the road is at a standstill for hundreds of yards.

That is the single biggest problem with which the team of 14 police constables working under the stoically humorous Sergeant Jim Hills has to contend. That and the crazy fact that a sprawl of randomly connected lesser sprawls designed for the days of horse-drawn carriages should now have to groan and give beneath the weight of three million vehicles.

Somehow the mathematics of traffic growth in London have a mind of their own. The number of people using the London Underground has increased by 1.5 per cent in the past six months. The police agree that this should mean, if not a reduction, then at least not an increase in the numbers who insist on bringing their cars into a clogged metropolis. And yet all the indications are that they continue to rise.

Up in Area Traffic Control, mishaps apart, the pictures of the main arteries have a way of falling into their own daily habits, rather like a household or an office. "Take Marylebone Road for example," says Hills. "At 8.30 in the morning it looks pretty slow. That doesn't mean there's a problem, just that there's the usual heavy amount of traffic about, coming in from the Westway. It eases off again at 10am and then shows a completely different, but regular pattern at lunchtime."

One of Hills's senior colleagues at Scotland Yard is constantly amazed by the continuing determination of motorists to drive into town. "I was speaking to one who said that if he had to pay £10 a day for the right to bring his car in, or even £20, he would gladly do so. It was only when I said £30 that he stopped to think for a moment; but he still said yes. Just think of it, that's £600 a month."

Alan Franks

NOT VERY ENGLISH, BUT IT WORKS

The wheel-clamp, which has produced such dramatic results, provokes a surprising degree of ambivalence.
Parking on yellow lines has fallen by 40 per cent and average journey times have risen by between 8 per cent and 14 per cent in the London boroughs where it is used.
"But we feel it is a bit drastic to immobilize someone s car," says one civil servant. "It s not, well, very English, is it?"
English courtesies, however, have broken down when it comes to considerate – and legal – parking and driving in the capital. London fire brigade chiefs say illegal parking is one of their biggest headaches. In the past 18 months the police have discerned a marked deterioration in driving manners, along with an increase in jumping red lights and dangerous right-hand turns.
"Things which were once unusual have increased because of drivers' frustration with congested conditions. Now they have become habitual," says Chief Superintendent Peter Wigglesworth of the Metropolitan Police.
As a result, there was an alarming jump in the number of serious accidents, which had been previously declining for five years. A tough enforcement response can be expected. Police plan a crack-down on dangerous driving at traffic lights and more boroughs have applied for permission to introduce the clamp, which has been so successful in the City. Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea
Many London boroughs are directing more attention to parking, and one of the most imaginative is Westminster. Brian Everett, Westminster's divisional director of parking operations, is planning a number of innovations, including a pre-paid computerized parking card – a sophisticated type of Phonecard – which will banish the area's 10,000 parking meters and on-street money collection.
Its chief virtue is that it will allow different rates to be charged in different zones, times and to different classes, with discounts for residents and local businesses.
He has already introduced council traffic wardens. "Productivity has trebled, in terms of the number of tickets issued and the amounts collected from meters. Before, because of overstaying, we were only getting 52 per cent of the revenue which meters should have produced," he says.

Paul Vallely

This Christmas give the most acceptable liqueur in the world.

Next year's hot news

CRAIG BROWN

Everything seems to be happening a little early in the Press this year. Books of the Year have been selected, News Reviews of the Year have appeared, hideous Christmas presents for Him and Her have been recommended, and Peter Bottomley has made his annual appeal against drink/driving. It can be only a matter of days before the *News At Ten* camera crew wends its way to Oxford Street for the annual filming of the first self-publicist to start queuing for the January sales.

With a full 16 days still to go before Christmas, newspapers have little to print. This column now solves this dilemma, with the very first recorded look-back on the events of next year.

Part One: January-May 1989.

January 5: Edwina Currie warns that tomato ketchup is a potential killer. "It is quite possible to drown in tomato ketchup if you make the mistake of filling up your swimming-pool with it, and it should be handled with extreme caution." She adds that, to her certain knowledge, more than half the swimming-pools of Great Britain may well be filled with ketchup.

Government health officers are quick to confirm that most people take it on the side of their plate, where potential hazards are far more limited.

January 28: Author Anthony Holden publishes his first major Prince of Wales biography of the year, *Charles at 40 and a Bit*. "Though a serious author," he states, "I felt that a full three months had gone by since my last biography of Charles, and in that time the Prince has aged by a full three months, a fact that both alarms and disturbs this deeply solitary man."

February 11: Geoffrey Dickens, MP, warns that a plague of Edwina Curries will soon be sweeping the country, and calls for urgent action. But fellow Conservative MP Terry Dicks, interviewed by Les Dawson on TV's *Blankety, Blank* programme, maintains that Dickens "is just out for cheap publicity", a statement for which he is roundly condemned by Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, live from his own all-singing, all-dancing show at The Empire, Wigan.

February 28: The attention of the world's media turns to the plight of three mosquitoes trapped under a glass in a flat in Vermont, Canada. As crowds of well-wishers gather, the mosquitoes are released as a result of a joint American-Soviet initiative. However, experts predict that they may well be fated to be killed by ruthless mosquito hunters, who make money out of selling mosquito handbags to very small but extremely fashionable people.

March 17: Peter Bottomley launches a new campaign to cut the number of deaths on the road. Photographed smiling as he pushes his own car up a hill, he says: "There is no conceivable reason why car owners should, time and time again, recklessly climb into their vehicles.

"By pushing them instead, you can make a major contribution to road safety, as well as freeing the atmosphere from petrol pollution."

March 28: The Social and Liberal Democrats call off their election for a new leader after Paddy Ashdown reminds them that they already have one. At a major rally attended by more than a fifth of his parliamentary party and close relations, Mr Ashdown makes a major policy statement. "Our unity lies in our vision of the future," he says forcefully, "and our future lies in the unity of our vision. And, what's more, I tell you this, our vision lies in our future of unity."

April 15: In a major comeback to relaunch their ailing careers, the Duke and Duchess of York join the cast of *Neighbours*. "Due to commercial pressures," explains a producer, "we have had to take the programme more downmarket."

May 1: Edwina Currie warns that toast may be a potential killer. "There has been a great many cases where people have spread their toast with marmalade and have then forgotten to take the knife off the toast before eating it," she says. "I would only eat toast under expert medical guidance, and then only if I were elderly and unemployed."

May 23: The Duke of Edinburgh hits out against "pleasant people in our society. Have they nothing better to do than to go around being nice to everybody?" he asks before comparing them to lice and beetles. This draws an official complaint from the President of the Lice, Beetles and Assorted Termites Association of Great Britain.

On Monday: June-December

This Christmas the NSPCC will be helping many frightened, desperate children who are the victims of neglect.

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TIMES DIARY

MARTIN FLETCHER

Labour's leadership is furious with the 44 MPs who spurned Neil Kinnock's repeated calls for discipline by voting against the Prevention of Terrorism Bill on Tuesday night. But gleeful left-wingers are now going around the Commons corridors claiming that it ill-behoves Kinnock to lecture them on party unity. They have unearthed in the Commons library a book called *Dissension in the House of Commons*, which lists every rebellion during the 1974-79 Labour government. This reveals that members of the present Shadow Cabinet, including Neil Kinnock, then regularly defied the party line. He stepped out of line by voting against, abstaining or supporting amendments opposed by the government no fewer than 83 times in the course of those five years. He outdid even Eric Heffer, who opposed the party line 74 times. The record appears to go to Dennis Skinner, who stepped out of line nearly 160 times. Has Kinnock's past caught up with him?

Incidentally, is it really only three weeks since the Shadow Cabinet agreed at its two-day Rottingdean strategy session to go all out for the women's vote and rid itself of its male-dominated image? I don't imagine that Mo Mowlam, a front-bench Northern Ireland spokesman, will be terribly impressed by her party's apparent conversion to that cause.

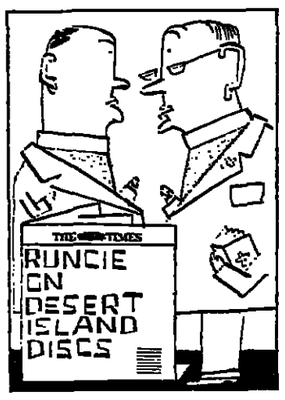
She was due to wind up for Labour in the prevention of terrorism debate. It was to have been her first front-bench contribution in a major debate. Late in the day, she was told she was being replaced by Barry Sheerman, the number two to Roy Hattersley, the shadow home secretary.

Is it a snub, or has the Queen been blocked by the Prime Minister? Labour's Jeff Rooker, an awkward customer at the best of times, has unearthed the uncomfortable fact that she is the only head of state in the Community who has not addressed the European Parliament. He has supplied Mrs Thatcher with dates of visits to the Parliament by the President of Ireland, Queen of Denmark, King of Belgium, King of Spain, President of Germany, President of Italy, President of France, Queen of The Netherlands and President of Greece. Even the Grand Duke of Luxemburg addressed a meeting called under the auspices of the Parliament. Rooker says there can only be two explanations: either the Parliament has snubbed Britain by not inviting the Queen, or Mrs Thatcher has advised her not to go. He believes the latter to be more likely.

It is with supplementary questions that opposition MPs hope to trip up ministers during Commons Question Time. This was evidently the plan of Labour's Robert Hughes on Wednesday. What was happening to Britain's share of world trade, he asked the trade minister, Alan Clark. It was holding steady, Clark replied. Not true, said Hughes. Had it not actually fallen from 9.1 per cent in 1979 to 7.9 per cent in the first quarter of this year?

Quick as a flash, Clark retorted that it had since risen to 8.2 per cent. He had the figures to hand, he explained, because he had seen a note to Hughes from Labour's trade spokesman, John Garrett, beginning, "Dear Bob, your question 11 tomorrow . . . " and giving him the text of the supplementary. Unfortunately Garrett had sent the note to Hughes's Tory namesake, the MP for Harrow West.

BARRY FANTONI



'He'll be well prepared, having experienced a good deal of isolation one way and another'

Conservative MPs are again at loggerheads with the BBC. This time it is over something much more important than alleged political bias. It is over the BBC's decision not to buy from the Australian Broadcating Commission seven radio interviews with Sir Donald Bradman. Cornwall South East MP Bob Hicks, a former county cricketer, says this is the first time Bradman has reflected publicly on such controversies as the bodyline series, and has tabled a Commons motion deploring what he calls a "tragic lost opportunity". His colleagues are rushing to sign it.

As if MPs are not lobbied enough, they now have a new pressure group to contend with — their former colleagues. The Cheltenham Tory MP, Charles Irving, believes it is outrageous that MPs who have retired or lost their seats after years service should suddenly be barred from the House and its facilities. On Wednesday he held a meeting attended by a dozen disgruntled ex-MPs, and is to mount a fresh campaign (his third) with the Commons authorities to secure them access to the terrace, bars, and restaurants.

Irving is not a man to be ignored. As chairman of the Commons catering committee he generates hundreds of thousands of pounds a year for the place. In the days before Christmas, for instance, the tiny shop, which sells anything from House of Commons humbugs to champagne, will be taking £20,000 a day. It has, he claims, higher sales per square foot than any other retail outlet in Europe, including Harrods.

The Democrats have committed the ultimate *faux pas* in Epping Forest by-election campaign. They have sent mailshots to Sir John and Lady Biggs Davison at their old address in Lambourne Road, Chigwell. It was the death of Sir John, the Conservative MP, that caused the election.

John Whittow explains the causes of the Armenian catastrophe

In the collision zone

If the unofficial figures for death and damage in Wednesday's Armenian earthquake are verified, it could prove to be one of the worst disasters to affect the developed world this century. As with San Francisco (1906), Tokyo (1923) and Mexico City (1985) a tremor measuring more than eight on the Richter Scale of seismic magnitude has hit an area of dense population.

The Richter Scale is logarithmic, which means that it does not range from one to 10, as is commonly supposed, but is open-ended. each step on the scale representing a tenfold increase in the seismic wave amplitude. Thus an earthquake of magnitude eight, like that in Armenia, generated not twice as much but some 100,000 times as much energy as one of amplitude four, such as that which shook north Wales in July 1984.

The towns of Leninakan, Kirovakan and Spitak (which is reported to be "utterly destroyed") lie along the valley of the River Debret, which is cradled by mountains of over 10,000ft. The basin in which they are located is floored by rocks of the same age as those that fill the London Basin, but there all resemblance ends.

The Debret Basin lies some 5,000ft above sea level and is surrounded by peaks carved from volcanic rocks created during the past two million years, implying that this is a region of some crustal unrest. Moreover, the region spans an active fault some 200 miles in length, and this may well be the villain of the piece.

When crustal faults move, the resulting earth tremors make ripples run away from the epicentre, causing devastation in the built environment, as exemplified by the Mexico City earthquake, which toppled even modern buildings and killed at least 10,000 people. Earthquakes are not uncommon in Turkey, Iran and the Caucasus region of Russia, with no less than 16 above magnitude six being recorded during the past 80 years.

Of these the most severe have been related to the Anatolian Fault, which runs from Istanbul eastward towards Tehran, although the Armenian epicentre appears to lie 250 miles north of this. None the less, Armenia and its neighbouring Soviet republic of Azerbaijan straddle the so-called Caspian mini-plate, a slice of the Earth's crust that is an integral piece of the complex structural jigsaw known as the Alpine Collision Zone.

Virtually all the main earthquake activity in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East is related to the broad zone of mountains that sweep in great arcs from the Himalayas through the Caucasus and the Alps to the Pyrenees and the Atlas. This is known as the Alpine system of fold mountains, in which thousands of feet of former ocean-floor sediments have been slowly crumpled and uplifted by the collision of the northward-moving African, Arabian and Iranian plates on one side with the relatively stable Eurasian plate on the other.

The collision zone is at its most complicated between the Adriatic and the Caspian for, instead of a simple boundary, the junction is marked by at least seven mini-plates, all acting semi-autonomously (much as the Soviet republics themselves would wish to do).

Geologists know a great deal about earthquake mechanisms and have a fair idea of the world's high-risk areas (as the people of California, particularly San Francisco, know well). Yet it has proved impossible to develop a reliable means of prediction. Reliability means credibility, for it is useless to give warnings if two-thirds of them are false alarms, as happened in California in the 1970s.

It was the Russians who recently discovered a significant correlation between seismic-wave velocities and the timing of the earthquake. This so-called Dilation Theory, based on the monitoring of stress-induced cracks within the crust, has been verified by the Americans, Chinese and Japanese, but earthquakes still occur unexpectedly because it is impossible to spread the recording instruments over every seismic-risk zone, except perhaps where big cities are involved.

The Chinese, for example, successfully evacuated the urban populations of Liaoning province in 1975, thereby saving a severe death-toll, although some experts have ascribed this success to the obedience of the citizens of a highly disciplined communist society. They say, probably correctly, that many more people would be killed in road accidents in the stampede to evacuate a large Western city.

Somewhat incongruously, some modern studies on earthquake hazards have been more concerned with the economic and insurance losses that would be incurred if the authorities ordered a long-term shutdown of nuclear power stations, oil refineries, blast-furnaces and the like, in the event of an earthquake warning that proved to be false.

One is left to ponder what can be done to help those who are left with little alternative except to stay put in the world's severe hazard zones. One solution is an improvement in building standards, for on many occasions it has been demonstrated, especially in Mexico City, that in the mid-century rush to accommodate growing populations, many urban buildings were poorly constructed.

Furthermore, much more rigorous planning of development must be implemented, taking into account the ability of the underlying rocks and soils to bear the load of the proposed structures in the event of an earth tremor. It is interesting to note that in Armenia a nuclear power plant in nearby Yerevan, built for local geological conditions, appears not to have been affected and is operating normally. After Chernobyl, one is glad of that.

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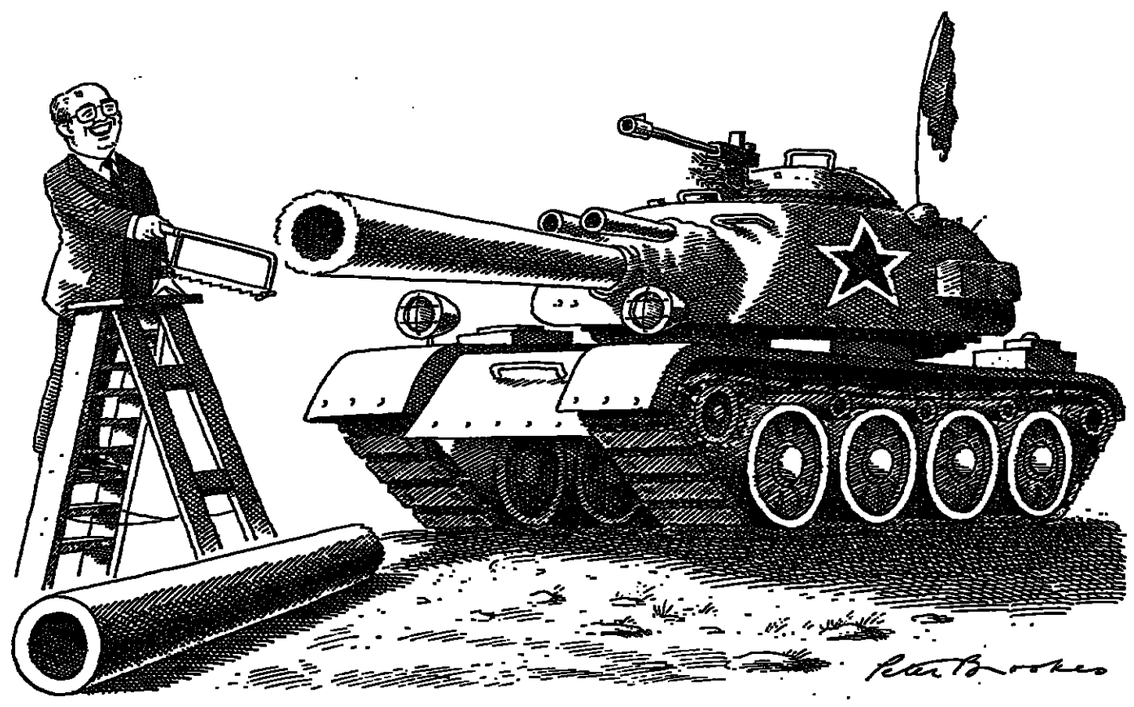
Michael Heseltine

Arms reduction, arms reality



Mr Gorbachov's proposals for conventional force reductions will be universally welcomed: and rightly so. His speech has been cleverly judged and brilliantly timed. Naturally it is so calculated to give the maximum advantage to the Soviet Union at the lowest cost to himself. In terms of initial reaction, he is off to a flying start.

However, to sound a cautious note should not be seen as appearing hesitant and unwelcoming. Gorbachov has had months to pore over the detail of what he has said, and it behoves us to think carefully, rather than reacting in moments to what he has painstakingly prepared.

He makes three significant proposals: substantial conventional force reductions, the relief of Third World debt, and more emphasis on protecting the environment. Let us consider these offers in the context of the Soviet Union's present position.

In terms of defence the Russian tank force has increased from 38,000 in 1984 to 51,000 today. His proposal to reduce this by 10,000 within two years simply takes the armoured strength back to what it was in 1982. Nato still has only 15,000 tanks facing this threat.

Similarly, in 1984 the figure of artillery pieces was 30,000, increased by 7,500 today, now to be reduced to 29,000: virtually back to 1984 by 1991. Nato has 8,500 artillery pieces.

The story is much the same with the other reductions: Gorbachov is proposing in general terms to return Soviet military power only to its level before the massive conventional build-up of the 1980s. It is hardly the huge unilateral gesture that a first glance might indicate; and his speech is silent on chemical weapons, where Soviet offensive capability is supreme. If the assumption is that his announcement is an invitation for a similar gesture by the West, the only consequence would be a further enhancement of the superiority Russia will retain.

I recognize that even the decision he has announced will have been difficult to sell to his own establishment. The removal of General Akhromeyev is not the sacking of an old-fashioned hardliner: he was one of the more intellectual minds in the military hierarchy.

Significantly, nothing in his speech offers cuts in the defence budget. It may well be that he has obtained military agreement to cut numbers of inefficient and old defence items in exchange for modernization programmes.

Gorbachov has made dramatic proposals to delay or cancel Third World debt. A scheme to freeze repayments for 100 years or, in the poorest countries, cancel them, is generous to a fault. But with whose money? Just how much has the Soviet Union extended to the most fragile economies and for what purpose? There are no published figures but it has always been one of the least attractive features of Soviet imperialism that it was long on doctrine and short on roubles. Third World nations have become increasingly disenchanted.

The Western world has an acute dilemma. The World Economic Outlook published by the IMF projects a Third World debt of $1,242 billion by the end of this year. Countries that have already restructured their debt account for $697 billion and, within this subtotal, sub-Sahara Africa accounts for $98 billion. But when I asked the Bank of England and the IMF for an estimate of the Russian credit balance it emerges that such information is not available.

Russian credits have been largely associated with military sales, and the suspicion must be that Gorbachov is proposing the cancellation or extension not of his outstanding credits but of ours. The implications for our commercial banking system of writing off loans of this size are dramatic. It is easier to ask the questions than answer them. If rescheduling is to be the natural condition, what does this do for a capitalist world whose principle investment aid to the Third World is provided by profit-seeking institutions?

Gorbachov's subtlety is also at work in the way he is addressing the world's growing environmental concern. Russian and East European industry pollute on a scale unequalled in the capitalist world. To combat this he needs the help of the West; he has to find increasing sums of money to invest in the most modern industrial processes. To the extent that he can achieve this on Western credit the less urgent the need to divert his scientific and engineering skills out of his defence programmes. But it cannot be in our interests to enable him to continue to spend 15 per cent of his GDP on defence while we modernize his civil industrial capacity. And such technological transfer cannot be neatly restricted to non-military purposes.

The West has to make the most hard-headed calculation of all. Will Gorbachov pull it off? The growing manifestation of what he calls *glasnost* but which many of his compatriots call trouble, can be seen in the Baltic states, central Europe and the Muslim republics. The march to freedom is difficult to discipline. The politics of *perestroika* are also everywhere and traumatic, but its dividends — rising living standards — remain undelivered.

We must hope that Gorbachov succeeds. We should help wherever prudently we can. But nor can we ignore the scale of what he is attempting, the limited chance of success and the lurking fear that if he fails his successor is more likely to revert to traditional Soviet attitudes.

I make no apology for sketching the real background to Gorbachov's speech. I welcome the fact that he made it. It holds a great opportunity for a more open dialogue. We are dealing with someone anxious to talk.

How can the West regain the initiative? We should offer Gorbachov less conventional forces but at an equal level. I illustrate my point with tanks, although the argument holds good in other categories. We could offer Gorbachov say, 10,000 tanks on either side of the central front.

That would be a 50 per cent reduction by the West. It would, of course, require removing three-quarters of the Soviet tanks strength but that remains his problem. The onus should be on Gorbachov to explain his reluctance to do it.

The second initiative must focus on chemical weapons, where Russia has the most unequal supremecy. Their elimination should be at the top of our agenda. Third, we should build on the INF treaty by pressing for the successful conclusion of the Start negotiations to reduce intercontinental warheads to 5,000 on either side.

Fourth, we should press for troop reductions, aiming at parity but not leaving only a token US presence in Europe. That would fulfil one of the Soviet's central ambitions: effectively decoupling the American commitment at its most vital link.

Fifth, we should not hesitate to modernise our weapons to maintain the credibility of deterrents. This should include short-range nuclear weapons.

Sixth, the US and Europe should seek a co-ordinated policy on credit and trade with the Soviet Union. Yet the European nations are displaying their customary national competitive instinct, trampling over each other to lend money, thus easing pressure on the Soviet economy.

Gorbachov has signalled the end of the cold war. He has a stern message for his own people when he says that no state can develop outside the world economy. We should welcome his presence as a peaceful competitor. But never let us forget that he is competing to win.

Commentary • JANET DALEY

An age of moral orphans

The current epidemic of anti-social behaviour among British youth has been catalogued in great detail. Ranging from the merely obnoxious to the nihilistically violent it defies simple analysis. When it was apparently specific to the underprivileged, hooliganism and street crimes were blamed on unemployment and economic hopelessness. The more bizarre delinquency of wealthy young bloods from the City evokes accusations of manic greed and selfishness.

Generalizations of all kinds founder on a social phenomenon that seems to have such disparate sources. What virtually all the attempted explanations have in common is a sense of doom. Depending on one's political orientation, one can blame the divisiveness of Thatcherism or the moral abnegation of permissiveness but, whichever diagnosis is preferred, these waves of ugly, vicious conduct are invariably seen as signs of society's disintegration.

While not denying the destructiveness of the behaviour, there might be a more positive analysis of this brutalism. What the ghetto youth has in common with the yuppie is social displacement. The barrow-boy millionaire thrown up by the financial boom may seem an unlikely candidate for the same cultural refugee status as the dispossessed immigrant or the unemployed football lout, but they can none the less all be seen as moral orphans. In a country whose stability has been based on ties of class and community, those who are wrenched in one generation from their parents' frame of reference suffer a desperate form of alienation.

It has been possible in the past for individuals to be pulled from their backgrounds by education. Grammar schools extracted many children from working-class life. But this route was cushioned by the social network of the school, and by education itself, which offered the internal resources to cope with a changing sense of self.

In the new limbo of largely uneducated youth, there are no parental role-models, no historical roots, no precedents and no intellectual grounding for understanding one's situation. (For the suddenly rich working-class City boomers there is no social framework at all. Money has almost always been associated in Britain with class position or with maturity — self-made wealth usually taking a lifetime to produce. Not in living memory has there been a generation of people able to get rich so young.)

For this proportion of young people to be morally adrift, with or without money, is frightening for any society. But it could possibly be an unavoidable transition stage to a less circumscribed future. It may be that the unrest that we are seeing is symptomatic not so much of the breakdown of society, but the breakdown of certain kinds of social barriers. The introduction of real economic mobility into what had been a largely moribund, class-ridden country, opens up unknown territories of opportunity.

New aspirations may be liberating, but the possibility of leaving behind familiar defeatist assumptions involves a frightening departure. It requires abandoning the comfortable resignation of one's parents and community. The possibility of upward social movement by whole masses of people (rather than the odd few, through educational advancement) divides the young from the secure, predetermined rootedness of their backgrounds. In their anxiety, they seek tribal affiliation with their own peers.

The dismantling of old certainties — of what could be expected from one's life — offers an almost intolerable form of freedom, but it is freedom all the same. Britain has taken a peculiarly long time to give up its feudal class inhibitions. Not having had an 18th-century, anti-aristocratic revolution, it adapted through evolutionary stages to the demands of modern economic life, but its remaining medieval stratifications and paternalism seem at last to have been stretched beyond credibility.

The absence of reliable values and expectations breeds insecurity, aggression, and finally violence. Severance from the old communal culture leaves a vacuum that can appear to be filled with a sub-culture built around the codes of one's contemporaries. But such reactive cults are inevitably defensive in their instability and amoral in their lack of adult direction. The only possible moderating force in this anarchic phase is the civilizing influence of education.

Affluence and social mobility are not unique to this century, of course. They were available in some abundance during the expansionist 19th century. For ambitious Victorians, however, economic and social self-improvement meant escaping from one class into another. Now large sections of the working class are being offered economic self-determination *in their own right*, without having to embrace a middle-class professional ethic. What *is* being required of them, however, is that they forsake their inherited role as victim-beneficiaries, and this is probably the most critical break with their parents' generation.

To add to this inflammatory situation, the democratizing of wealth brings with it a ruthless standard of performance. What is on offer is a meritocracy in which the losers cannot so easily console themselves with the assurance that their lot was predestined. If success lies within reach, then so does failure. Competitiveness and resentment are the inevitable tensions in a system that offers genuine advancement.

This kind of identity crisis seems a hard price to pay so that later generations may believe anything might be possible for them, but when people's ambitions are awakened so are their discontents. If deference is vanishing, to the dismay of the shires, what is emerging could prove to be the traumatic birth of a new kind of self-respect.

It is possible, after all, to have an apparently pacific, well-behaved population which is actually quiescent and passive. Resignation can so easily be mistaken for contentment. A society that stirs itself out of complacency and condescension can earn new liberty, even if initially it appears to get only moral confusion.

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The "nationalities problem" in Yugoslavia has a long history; it was worrying President Tito and his colleagues 24 years ago.

YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS TOLD TO WORK FOR NATIONAL UNITY

From Our Special Correspondent
— BELGRADE, Dec 8

With the presentation today of more reports, Yugoslavia's highest authorities — President Tito, Mr Kardelj, Mr Rankovic and Mr Vlahovic — have given the congress of the Yugoslav League of Communists a review of internal shortcomings and a general outline of what should be done to overcome them. All have spoken of the nationalities problem — Yugoslavia is a federation of six republics — of the youth of the party, and of its future role.

If President Tito's report yesterday was clearer than those of his colleagues it was because he spoke plainly and directly of the problems that others have wrapped up in Marxist jargon. Now, as before, he has shown that his personality and authority are still the dominant features of Yugoslavia's communists.

One of the things over which he shows concern is the reappearance of the old conflict between the more developed northern republics and the less developed south. In his report he dealt at some length with this problem and with the confusion about the ways of achieving national unity. The fact that the congress is giving attention to the problem shows that it is far from resolved, particularly as it is often the communists themselves who are identified with nationalist ideas.

Mr Vlahovic spoke today, for example, of the "provincial" as the counterpart of the old "petit bourgeois nationalist". President Tito had described such communists as "self-styled protectors" of the national interest of one or other of the republics; the League of Communists should, he said, take action against them.

Then there is the youth problem. The young generation raised under socialism is said to take for granted some of its aspects but not to show much interest in, nor to feel the attention of, politics and ideology. President Tito blamed the party for failing to catch the imagination of the young and party members for not always giving an encouraging example.

Mr Rankovic disclosed that the number of members of up to 25 years of age had declined by 10 per cent in recent years. He also reported that more than 97,000 members had been expelled from the party in the past five years. It was a matter of grave concern, he said, that the number of expelled workers was steadily increasing, a fact which suggested that the party organization was too ready to take action against factory workers and too lenient towards office employees.

Mr Rankovic spoke of "supporters of bureaucratic views" who had exercised a certain degree of pressure calculated to "induce the League of Communists to act as a factor of government" and as the arbiter of everything in society, and who were afraid that the system of self-government could weaken its position and that the party would lose control.

Mr Vlahovic gave the standard answer to the advocates of political decentralization by saying that the ideological struggle required that the League of Communists should continue to base its internal life on the principles of democratic centralism. To abandon this principle would mean breaking the party into factions guided by various concepts and interests; it would mean the liquidation of socialist development and surrender to anarchy.

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THE DUTIES OF LEADERSHIP

In spurning the lights of Manhattan for the dust and rubble of earthquake-stricken Armenia, President Gorbachov is doing no more than is expected of a national leader in times of adversity. Mrs Thatcher, who has sent her sympathy and understanding for the postponement of Mr Gorbachov's London visit, has not infrequently interrupted her own carefully prepared programme to minister to the victims of disaster. It is a sad, but necessary part of the job of leadership.

For the General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, however – who, moreover, was subject to criticism at home for not visiting the site of the Chernobyl accident – his concern to be in Armenia shows a new and impressive acceptance of responsibility. The three visits he had planned, to the United Nations, to Cuba and to Britain, constituted an important foreign trip – some had said his most important to date. To abandon it at so early a stage is a sacrifice.

Yet his advisers may not be wholly regretful. The most significant and valuable parts of the journey in terms of diplomacy and public relations – the address to the UN General Assembly and the meetings with the US President and the President-elect – are over. From then, there were always going to be difficulties to surmount as well as plaudits to be won.

The Havana meeting with Dr Fidel Castro, a revolutionary in the old mould, was fraught with the possibility of discord. Even days before President Gorbachov's scheduled arrival, the Cuban leader was distancing himself from the reforms under way in the Soviet Union and questioning superpower accords.

Nor was the London visit guaranteed to be successful except in pageantry. Announced at a relatively late stage, it had, according to some reports, proved difficult to organize in detail. Even last weekend, arrangements had not been finalized. The arguments about a possible invitation for the Queen to pay a State visit to Moscow was still in the air, as was speculation that Mr Gorbachov had expressed a desire to meet the families of convicted IRA terrorists. However great the disappointment in London, more preparation time may not come amiss.

There can be no question, however, that the Soviet leader is doing the right thing, and for the right reason. The situation to which he is returning is a national disaster. It is all the more poignant for being in an area riven in recent months by ethnic conflict. Some of the tens of thousands of refugees from the earthquake are refugees for a second time, having fled from violence or the threat of violence in the neighbouring Soviet republic of Azerbaijan.

The combination of such tensions holds the risk that law and order could break down. At such a time it is crucial that Mr Gorbachov, in whom the hopes of so many have been invested – in Armenia as in other parts of the Soviet Union – should be seen in the centre of the rescue effort.

At the same time, the disaster also offers an opportunity for the Soviet Union and the countries of the developed world to translate into action some of the good intentions expressed on Wednesday at the UN General Assembly. There, the Soviet leader called for a new era of international co-operation.

He now has the chance to show that his country has relinquished both its past contempt for charity and its suspicion of outside agencies by asking for help from abroad and by inviting international relief organizations to participate unhindered in the rescue and resettlement of the victims.

The establishment of a disaster fund in London for donations from the British public is a small beginning. The Armenian diaspora will be generous in its contributions to any international appeal; so will many others, inspired by their admiration of Mr Gorbachov's ambitions for changing the Soviet Union. But a national disaster is an occasion not for politics but for charity, and Moscow's recognition that help is needed is the first step to receiving it.

DOCTORS ON THEIR FEET

Senior hospital doctors have traditionally been unsympathetic to the complaints of their juniors about overwork on the grounds that they in their time worked no less hard, or even harder, and it never did them any harm. Largely because of this long-standing, if mostly undeclared attitude, junior doctors have made only very slow progress in their campaign, which is now at least two decades old, to have their hours reduced.

No one has any real idea just how many small medical misjudgements have been made by sleepy doctors called from their beds, perhaps for the second or third night running, to attend to some ward emergency in the small hours. The patients are probably the last people to complain, or even to know. But the possibility of a mishap is not consoling.

Many of the original campaigners must be consultants themselves by now, and it may be no coincidence that at last things are starting to improve. The junior doctors' latest move, announced yesterday, is to be the presentation of a Bill to the House of Lords which would limit the number of hours a hospital doctor can work in one week to 72, by 1992; and in the longer run – to 60 hours. It is being sponsored by Lord Rea, himself a doctor, and deserves the House's serious attention.

Their lordships may be shocked to learn of continuous duty periods of rather more than 100 hours, and of the persistence of what is called the one-in-two rota – under which a doctor must be available and may be called from his bed every other night – in spite of instructions from the Department of Health in 1985 that such practices should have stopped. In exceptional cases, it is said, junior doctors have found themselves on continuous duty for longer.

It must be noted that these startlingly long spells of duty refer not to the time a doctor is on his feet but to the time he is available. In that time he can, if things are quiet, have a meal, watch television and get a good night's sleep. If they are busy, however, he can expect little more than a cat-nap in an armchair.

Responding to the evidence that its earlier guidance has not had the desired effect, the Department of Health last summer initiated a district-by-district study of junior doctors' hours and duty rotas. In each of the 190 district health authorities professional working parties have been commissioned to find ways of eliminating the one-in-two rota, and of making sure that doctors have at least two weekends off for each weekend worked.

The junior doctors' committee of the British Medical Association is clearly not satisfied with the rate of progress, however, and voted last summer to bring a court case in an attempt to have long-duty periods declared illegal. It was mindful of an American court case in which a hospital authority had damages awarded against it because of a fatal mistake by a doctor who had been on duty for 80 hours. Whether such a claim would be upheld by an English court is a moot point, and Lord Rea's Bill represents the reasonable, if somewhat unusual, first step of changing the law first, to make sure that such claims would be successful.

The Government has given every indication of its good intentions in this matter, but it has not yet exhausted its existing powers to push health authorities further and faster. So far it has asked the health authorities to phase out the one-in-two rota: but they could be told to do so, as a direct instruction. Non-compliant authorities could even, in the last resort, be dismissed. If Government policy is being defied it is weakness to leave it to private members' legislation and then to ad hoc court cases to remedy matters.

FREEDOM BY INSTALMENTS

The South African Government stands constantly trapped between the anvil of right-wing resistance and the hammer of international opprobrium. The dilemma this causes has seldom been better demonstrated than by Nelson Mandela's painfully slow progress towards freedom.

Instead of being released before Christmas as had been widely predicted, the 70-year-old symbol of black political aspirations has been moved from the clinic where he was being treated for tuberculosis to a "secure" if comfortable house in the grounds of a South African prison. There he is to wait, albeit in comparative ease, until President Botha judges the time is right for the final instalment.

It is an interesting reflection of the present dynamics of South African politics and Mr Botha's concerns that the timing will depend not so much on international opinion, nor on black demands, but on the results of another general election, expected early next year. Then, the governing National Party and its right-wing foes will once again join battle for the hearts and minds of Afrikanerdom.

The earlier fears that militated against Mr Mandela's release – that his presence would inflame black aspirations and passions to an uncontrollable level – appear to have waned as the state of emergency has taken its toll of black radical organizations. Today, pressured by stern urgings from Moscow to be more realistic in both its goals and its means and by its own recognition that liberation is not around the corner, radical black opinion is divided and disillusioned.

By phasing Mr Mandela into this situation as slowly as possible, Mr Botha is clearly trying to condition both black and extreme white opinion to the point where the political shock-waves can be kept to a minimum. This strategy is not without risk, particularly in the international context, where the benefits to South African's reputation will probably be discounted long before Mr Mandela is finally freed.

As Mr Botha knows to his cost, his need to play to different audiences, to sell political advances abroad while trying to play them down at home, has consistently left him with the worst of all worlds. The suspicions of the Afrikaner right have grown, and international opinion has been reluctant to credit him with the few, but no less real changes he has made.

His response to this almost universal lack of credibility has been the political inertia which has characterized the last few years of his rule. Today, however, emboldened by results of the nationwide municipal elections, which appeared to indicate that the parties of the far right would grow no further, and by the need to rescue his relations with Mrs Thatcher in particular, he is beginning to display a new and welcome political sophistication.

A series of positive decisions during the last few weeks are all symptoms of a new, if still tentative pragmatism in Pretoria. They include the reprieve of the Sharpeville Six and the release of political activists; the slow, if unsteady, progress towards an Angola-Namibia settlement; the delivery of defence equipment to Mozambique for use against Renamo, and the withdrawal of legislation which would have banned foreign funding of anti-apartheid organizations and tightened the Group Areas Act.

Mr Mandela's release by instalments indicates just how tentative that mood is and how premature any advance applause might be. Nevertheless, the fact that Pretoria has seen fit to move the ANC leader one step closer to freedom merits not noisy condemnation but quiet encouragement – both from those who genuinely seek his liberty and from those who would spur President Botha on to greater courage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Future crisis in science teaching

From Mr A. J. Kahn

Sir, It is indeed an irony that the National Curriculum Council's final proposals for science education (report, December 6) should be published on the same day that Angela Rumbold asserted in your letter columns that there is Government agreement "that A-level standards must be maintained".

The crisis in science teaching is multi-faceted, involving the relative importance of the sciences in schools, the perceived status of scientists and engineers in industry, and the existing and increasing shortage of qualified science teachers.

As if these were not enough, we are faced with the complacent belief that replacing the study of three separate sciences by a single subject with a dual GCSE award will be the panacea. A curriculum time of 12.5 per cent will hardly be adequate to obtain sufficient knowledge to read about the scientific issues of the day with a glimmer of understanding.

Dual award in 20 per cent of the curriculum will provide a rather better appreciation. However, these proposals ignore, indeed work against, the needs of the most able pupils who are our most precious national resource.

The attainment targets for the dual award sound impressive, but the detail of syllabuses will inevitably be too superficial to allow the depth of conceptual understanding that will inspire able pupils to take up science in sixth forms. For those who do, A-level syllabuses have already been watered down and will, I believe, suffer further reductions.

Even if salaries were to be doubled overnight, I do not believe that the requirement to teach this diet will attract good graduates into the teaching profession.

How can anyone believe that the same syllabuses are suitable for the full range of ability, from grade G candidates who will leave school at 16 to future Nobel Prize winners? What we have done will only be appreciated by people at the top levels when they try to recruit the products of the new system in a few years' time.

Yours faithfully,
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Coherent approach to sentencing

From the Chairman of Council, The Magistrates' Association

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Anthony Lester, QC (December 1) may be interested to hear that the Magistrates' Association is moving cautiously towards the achievement of "comprehensive and coherent sentencing policies and practices" in the lower courts. We are anxious to meet legitimate public criticism of inconsistency in sentencing by taking positive steps to ensure that we are at least consistent in our approach; and we are increasing the amount of training to effect this.

Our council is at present considering, for issue to our members next year, a new sentencing guide for the more common non-motoring offences, and a revised edition of our suggestions for traffic offence penalties has just been published in *The Magistrate*.

Both these sets of guidelines are designed to help courts achieve a common approach in every case by suggesting starting points from which they may deliberately move up or down. It is emphasised that the courts must continue to exercise their discretion in assessing the particular circumstances of each offence and offender; otherwise, uniformity – the very negation of justice – would become the rule.

We are watching with interest the development of national sentencing commissions in some other countries. They are all relatively young. Let them make mistakes first, and let us learn from them, before we adopt something similar as the panacea for our own sentencing problems.

Yours,
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From the Chief Probation Officer, Berkshire Probation Service

Sir, Lord Hutchinson's excellent analysis of the difficulty of developing consistent and effective sentencing policy and practice (Legal Brief, November 29) is an important contribution to what should be a major public debate.

I fully support the idea that courts should be free within the law to impose the appropriate sentence in a particular case having regard to all the circumstances. Courts will obviously wish to consider the seriousness of the offence, the background of the offender, etc.

Having said that, it seems to be entirely reasonable that sentencers should also consider the public resource implications of their sentencing decisions – in other words the economic and social costs of the decision which they are about to take.

I am not arguing that such considerations should have primacy and I accept that there will be occasions when the protection of the public will demand that the high cost of imprisonment be paid, sometimes for many years. What must be recognised, however, is that the cost to the public of the way in which we deal with offenders is now such a major issue that it is worthy of formal consideration in each and every case before the courts.

We need legislation as a matter of urgency to ensure that this occurs.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Edgar Palamountain

Sir, The report of the Carlisle committee (details, November 26) draws our attention to the fact that the present system of judicial sentencing and parole granting misleads the public. The committee appear to have stopped short, however, of including among their recommendations the one reform necessary to put this right.

In the majority of cases the sentence passed is little more than a conventional formula. The judge, the court, and the prisoner all know that the term served will be considerably less: the best example is probably "life", which usually means about nine years. The general public, however, do not know, and their misapprehension is reinforced by the conventions of reporting ("and so X goes to prison for 15 years").

The Carlisle committee indeed propose that this falsification should be entrenched by making parole automatic for certain lengths of sentence, as it apparently (and perhaps surprisingly) is in Northern Ireland.

Surely, Sir, this kind of charade is indefensible in a free society, the citizens of which have a right to be told what actual – as opposed to nominal – sentences their courts are imposing.

Yours faithfully,
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November 28.

Composers who force the pace

From Sir Thomas Armstrong

Sir, I write in support of Mr Timothy Hugh, the BBC cellist who protested at being required to ill-use his instrument in the interests of Herr Helmuth Flammer's piano concerto (report, December 2). If the BBC decides to "discipline" this artist, as your report suggests, curses will fall on it as terrible as those laid upon Wotan by Alberic.

Are cellists a particularly sensitive and explosive race? One of the best of them, James Whitehead, suddenly put down his cello during a concert performance and left the platform. "I refuse to play this rubbish", he said. "It's complete chaos and an insult". He afterwards decided to emigrate and to work in Canada.

When I was Principal in the Royal Academy of Music we had an active and admirable avant-garde group, one of whose concerts involved the players in blowing bubbles, counting 35 seconds with a stop-watch, thumping loud chords on the "prepared" concert grand, and finally spilling soapy water into the bowels of the Bösendorfer.

People were not sure whether the artistic outcome justified such elaborate preparations.

I myself concluded that if composers justifiably wish to extend the range of available sonorities they might, like Wagner, invent new instruments, or exploit the resources of electronic sound, before debauching the noble instruments that we have inherited from the past.

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS ARMSTRONG,
1 East Street,
Olney, Buckinghamshire.
December 4.

Empty abbey stalls

From Dr B. G Watson

Sir, What is the nature of the kudos, referred to by your correspondent (December 2) which is acquired by attending a memorial service? That any kudos should accrue as a result of such an act is surely a novel suggestion, with interesting implications if it is true. Is more kudos available according to the greatness of the deceased person, or to the prestige of the building in which the service is held? How much time is spent, by those to whom this type of kudos is important, in applying for seats at services they do not intend to attend, or by reading *The Times* the morning after to check the new kudos?

It is not, Sir, my practice to debase memorial services by attending them for any other reason than to pay my respects to the deceased. I am, however, anxious to accrue as much kudos as possible for myself. Can any of your readers suggest new (but more tasteful) ways of doing so.

Yours,
BRIAN G. WATSON,
12 Westfield Avenue,
Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mental health care

From Dr E. Moran

Sir, The disgraceful state of affairs which Mr Kilroy-Silk describes (Commentary, December 2) is something which those of us who are treating the mentally ill have been aware of for some considerable time. There is no doubt that the psychiatric services both in hospital and the community have been and continue to be grossly underfunded.

While this needs urgently to be rectified, there are also fundamental issues of organisation which require immediate attention. The Director of the King's Fund Institute (December 1) points out "the need for reshaping community care policy". Many mentally disabled patients and their perplexed relatives as well as the psychiatrists who are trying to treat these patients wonder whether there is any real policy at all in relation to this matter.

In theory, the responsibility for providing the services in the community rests with the local authority. In reality, tight finance and muddled notions about "normalisation" have resulted in very limited services or inappropriate ones. Sir Roy Griffiths' proposal, in his recent report on community care, that local authorities should take a leading role in the service can only exacerbate the situation. There is unlikely to be any improvement until the responsibility and resources are placed with the NHS.

Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN
(Senior consultant psychiatrist),
Department of Psychiatry,
Chase Farm Hospital,
The Ridgeway,
Enfield, Middlesex.
December 3.

Alzheimer's disease

From Professor G. K. Wilcock

Sir, I noted with interest yesterday's report (December 5) on the use of THA (tetrahydroaminoacridine) in Alzheimer's-disease sufferers. During the last 12 months my colleagues and I have been studying the psychological changes produced by this drug in patients with Alzheimer's disease and we have also been examining its side-effect profile.

It is very important that your readers do not place too much emphasis on the basis of the results reported in a very small number of subjects, especially as THA has significant side-effects. Those of us trying out this new medicine in our patients need to study a large number of people because the results observed in a few could be misleading.

It is difficult, for example, to diagnose Alzheimer's disease even if the sufferer has a brain scan. In addition there are many reasons why persons with Alzheimer's disease may appear to respond to a drug like THA even though it may not have helped them at all.

Although preliminary evidence indicates that THA may help some people with this condition, it is as yet far too early to consider it as a major therapeutic step forward.

Yours sincerely,
G. K. WILCOCK,
University of Bristol,
Department of Care of the Elderly,
Frenchay Hospital,
Bristol, Avon.
December 6.

Ys and wherefores

From Lieutenant-Commander C. D. Wilson, RN

Sir, On December 5, Miss M. V. (Mike Victor) Perrin sought a list of internationally-known and readily distinguishable words to represent letters of the alphabet. Such a "phonetic alphabet" has already been established in the International Code of Signals, which is used extensively in maritime and aeronautical communications. It also includes numerals.

Yours faithfully,
C. D. WILSON,
HMS Brave,
BFPO Ships.

From Mr G. C. Bird

Sir, The choice of names of countries as "international words" suggested by Miss Perrin would have to take into account the spelling used by the foreign country concerned. Thus, in her choice she includes C for Canada, which to a German would indicate a K.

This reminds me of an occasion in North Africa in 1943, when I heard a very senior irascible officer shouting on the radio: "K for Knife you fool; can't you hear me?"

Yours faithfully,
G. C. BIRD,
24 Grove Road,
Sheffield 7, South Yorkshire.

Routine Aids tests

From Dr Alexander Fernandez

Sir, Dr David Owen's letter (November 30) raises an important issue. As a practising doctor for over 40 years, in consultation I have regarded it as a professional obligation to automatically consider in the differential diagnosis the possibility that my patient may have, amongst other things, cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure and life-threatening infectious disease – including those that are sexually transmitted.

I regard it as an obligation to arrange blood tests, x-rays, electrocardiography, etc., in the best interest of my patient. We teach our students likewise.

It may well be that the confirmed diagnosis may damage the chances of life insurance, alter job prospects and affect the life-style, but at least my actions enable me to diagnose and to treat the disease and to prevent the infectious ones from spreading in the community.

I do not have to alarm my patients by divulging that I am arranging tests for cancer, tuberculosis, syphilis, leukaemia etc., but I can exclude these illnesses by the screening process.

It is not permissible to do this as a routine for HIV. Why not? Doctors should be allowed to seek for this infection where they think it necessary. It is the first step in the prevention of its spread and, hopefully, in its ultimate suppression.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ,
Temple House,
Lyme Regis, Dorset.
December 1.

Canary Wharf plea

From Mr Tony Noakes and others

Sir, Construction has already started on the first of the Canary Wharf towers in London's Docklands. This tower will be 850ft high – half as high again as the Nat West Tower. It will be visible from almost everywhere in London; in views down the Thames from Waterloo Bridge to London Bridge, it will appear to be immediately behind the Tower of London, and will thus seem to dwarf it. It will dominate the communities for miles around, and destroy the scale of Wren and Inigo Jones's Royal Naval College and National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

At a time when the need for greater concern about London's skyline is being ever more widely recognized, it is a disastrous step. Two more Canary Wharf towers are due to follow. There is also a danger that they will serve as a precedent for further towers of similar or even greater height.

The protests of local authorities, community groups, many distinguished architects and town planners and English Heritage have been of no avail. Canary Wharf, in an enterprise zone and within the jurisdiction of the London Docklands Development Corporation, is outside the normal democratic planning process; appeals to the Department of the Environment have simply produced the response that they have delegated planning powers in this way.

When the tower approaches its full height the enormity of the planning error will become apparent. The Canary Wharf decision is the direct outcome of present anti-planning policies and has been taken in spite of the objections of architects, planners, and local amenity groups. We would urge that even at this late stage the scheme be modified, before irreparable damage is done to the scale and skyline of London.

Yours faithfully,
TONY NOAKES,
THOMAS A. MARCUS
(Strathclyde University),
STUART J. MURPHY,
PETER SHAFFER,
FRANCIS TIBBALDS (President, Royal Town Planning Institute),
ROGER WALTERS (former Architect to GLC),
73 Stanmore Hill,
Stanmore, Middlesex.
December 5.

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Mappa Mundi sale

From Professor Emeritus P. D. A. Harvey

Sir, Curiously, there exists no detailed scholarly study of the Mappa Mundi, its contents and its composition.

Its importance, however, has been underlined by very recent research: the discovery of two fragments of related world maps from medieval England, the suggestion of an English origin for the author of the giant Ebstorf world map, the growing realisation that England may have had a unique tradition of making both national maps and world maps in the Middle Ages.

Detailed work now on the Hereford map would significantly advance our knowledge and for this a facsimile is inadequate, as we unfortunately know from work on the Ebstorf map, destroyed in 1943. "Next time we must meet at Hereford", was a general cry at a symposium at Ebstorf, earlier this year.

If the map becames inaccessible to research, our increasing understanding of the way cartographic ideas – map-mindedness – developed in medieval Europe will receive a serious setback.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL D. A. HARVEY,
Lyndhurst,
Farnley Hey Road,
Durham.
November 28.

Happy landings

From Mr Glanville Price

Sir, British Rail appears to be not only flying its trains, as Mr Michael Ross reports (December 1), but shunting its stations. The guard on a Shrewsbury to Cardiff train held outside Newport a couple of weeks ago made the following announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, we are waiting for an empty platform to arrive at Newport High Street".

Yours faithfully,
GLANVILLE PRICE,
Dorglwyd, Comins Coch,
Aberystwyth, Dyfed.
December 1.

From Mrs E. A. Miles

Sir, Two weeks ago, shortly after the departure from Euston of a very full train to Edinburgh, the guard announced: "There are a few seats at the rear. Would any passengers who do not have a seat please walk backwards down the train". No one was observed attempting this feat.

Yours faithfully,
ELISABETH A. MILES,
29 Crossfields,
Tarvin, Cheshire.
December 1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a reception given by the Central Council of Physical Recreation (Chairman, Mr. R. Emes) and the Institute of Sports Sponsorship (Chairman, Mr. T. Moore) at Fishmongers' Hall.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Sir Christopher Collett).

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr. Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, R.N. were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attended receptions at St. James's Palace for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, later attended a dinner at the Ritz Club, Piccadilly, in aid of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Mr. Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Trewby at the Memorial Service for Mr. G.M.J. Williams which was held at St. Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London EC2, today.

The Duchess of York this afternoon attended the Royal Institute of Oil Painters' Annual Exhibition at the Mall Galleries.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr. Oliver Warman, (Chief Executive of the Mall Galleries.)

Mrs. John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, today attended a luncheon given by the Trust at Les Augres Manor, Jersey and was received on arrival by the Lieutenant Governor of Jersey (His Excellency Admiral Sir William Pillar).

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Lyneham afterwards visited RAF Lyneham and was received on arrival by The Station Commander (Group Captain J. Bell, RAF).

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs. Andrew Feilden and travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 8: The Prince of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Brawdy, received Group Captain R.C. Humphreyson upon relinquishing command and Group Captain T.M. Webb upon assuming the appointment, at Kensington Palace, W8.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, attended a reception to mark the publication of the report "Living Options Lottery" at London Weekend Television, South Bank Television Centre, Kent House, Upper Ground, SE1.

Mr. David Wright was in attendance.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales, Vice Patron, The British Council, visited the Council at 10 Spring Gardens, SW1.

Sir John Riddell, Bt. was in attendance.

This afternoon The Prince of Wales received the Paymaster General (the Rt Hon Peter Brooke MP) at St James's Palace, SW1.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, the Parachute Regiment, received Lieutenant-Colonel J.G. Reith upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel R.W. Trigger upon assuming the appointment, at St James's Palace.

Afterwards, The Prince of Wales, President, the Prince's Trust and the Royal Jubilee Trusts, chaired the first meeting of the Trusts' Management Board at St James's Palace. Subsequently His Royal Highness gave a reception for members of the Trusts at Kensington Palace.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Patrons, The Wishing Well Appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, attended the Royal premiere of "Willow" at the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, WC2.

Mrs. Max Pike and Major Christopher Lavender were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President of the International Council of United World Colleges, was represented by Sir Ian Gourlay at the memorial service for Mr Alec Peterson at St John's Wood Church, St John's Wood High Street, NW8.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, and The Duchess of Gloucester, Commandant in Chief, St John Ambulance Brigade in Wales, today received the Rt Hon the Lord Aberdare on relinquishing the appointment as Prior for Wales and Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards on assuming the appointment.

YORK HOUSE

December 8: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Wavertree Technology Park, Liverpool and Delco Electronics, Kirkby, Merseyside.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Annual Christmas Party of the "Not Forgotten" Association at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Mrs. Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as ex-officio member of the committee, will visit the Automobile Association headquarters in Basingstoke at 11.00; and the new operations room in Thatcham, Berkshire, at 2.40.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel of the Welsh Guards, will visit the 1st Battalion at Pirbright, Surrey, at 10.15.

Prince Edward will attend the 15,000th performance of *The Mousetrap* at St Martin's Theatre at 7.50 in aid of the National Association for Mental Health.

The Duke of Kent, as chancellor, will preside at honorary degree ceremonies at Surrey University at 11.30.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Yorkshire Business Awards luncheon at the Queens Hotel, Leeds, at 12.05, and visit the Regional Rheumatology Centre at the Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate, at 2.30.

Lost Touch?

Do you long to know what happened to an old school friend? Have you lost touch with a member of your family? As Christmas approaches do you want to be reunited with someone who means a lot to you, but you don't know where to start?

During the season of goodwill we aim to help reunite friends and families through Ragu Reunion classified advertisements in this paper every day next week starting on Monday 12th December. Contact us with as much information as possible on the person(s) with whom you want to renew contact. If we feel we can help a genuine enquiry we will publish details free of charge in the columns.

Contacts will only be exchanged if both parties are in full agreement.

RAGU REUNIONS

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SCIENCE REPORT

All in the best possible taste

Research is providing clues about what goes on inside the cells of the tongue to tell us when we have bitten into something bitter.

Researchers at Columbia University in the United States have shown that the level of calcium inside some taste cells rises sharply when they are treated with denatonium, the most bitter substance known to man. But the research leaves two questions: how the 'message' gets from the outside of the cell to the inside, and second, how the change in calcium is translated into a nerve signal to the brain so that we perceive a bitter taste.

The problem with all sensory perception is how to translate a received stimulus into the electrical impulses that travel along the nerves to the brain. In many cases, the translator is a single cell that detects the stimulus at one end and sends out signals at the other. But the chemical processes in between — inside the cell itself — are often obscure.

There seem to be two ways (each with elaborations) in which these cells work. In the first, the sensory stimulus triggers a change in the electrical properties of the cell membrane, the surface that separates the cell contents from the outside world. These changes happen when different kinds of electrically charged atoms, or ions, flow through pores in the membrane in response to the stimulus. Calcium is one such ion, but others include sodium and potassium ions — all very common inside the body. The flow of ions alters the electrical potential of the cell membrane, which in turn triggers other electrical and chemical changes resulting in an electrical impulse down a nerve fibre. Perception of sour and salt tastes is believed to work in this way.

The second method differs in that it does not involve electrical changes in the membrane. Instead, the chemical stimulus latches on to a receptor protein in the cell membrane, that has one end (the receptor end) outside the cell and the other protruding into the cell's interior. When a stimulus chemical docks on to the receptor end, it sets off chemical changes at the end inside the cell which cause the electrical changes that result in a nerve signal. Sweetness is believed to work like this, with molecules of sugars such as sucrose acting as the stimulus.

Myles Akabas, Jane Dodd and Qais Al-Awqati of Columbia University have been interested in the sense of bitterness for some time. They first reported that denatonium triggered the release of calcium inside taste cells at a meeting in 1987, and they decribe further experiments in the November 18 issue of the US journal Science. Importantly, the docking of denatonium on the outside of the cell and the calcium response inside it have no effect on the cell membrane. This implies that bitterness, like sweetness, works through a receptor molecule. But bitter substances come in a whole range of different varieties, so there may be several different kinds of receptor.

Henry Gee

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Birthdays today

Dame Judi Dench, actress, 54

Miss Joan Armatrading, singer, 38; Viscount Bearsted, 77; Mr Billy Bremner, footballer, 46; Sir Stanley Brown, former chairman, CEGB, 78; Sir John Burgh, former director-general, British Council, 63; Dame Whina Cooper, Maori land rights leader, 93; Mr Kirk Douglas, actor, 72; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, actor, 79; Mr Benny Green, musician, writer and broadcaster, 61; Mr F.G. Hankins, chairman, Fitch Lovell, 62; Mr Robert Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, 59; Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 62; Lord Justice Mann, 58; Sir Derek March, diplomat, 58; Lord Morris, 51; Sir Godfrey Nicholson, former MP, 87; Miss Isobel Poole, Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh, 47; Lord Rees, QC, 62; Mme Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 73; Sir Peter Smithers, former MP, 75; Miss Rita Stephen, trade unionist, 63.

Receptions

HM Government

The Princess Royal was Guest of Honour at a reception hosted by the Secretary of State for Employment, the Right Honourable Norman Fowler, at Lancaster House, SW1, on Wednesday, December 7, for the 101 winners of the 1988 Fit For Work Awards.

Acer Group Limited

Mr Gwilym Roberts and Mr Derek Wolstenholme were hosts at a reception on Wednesday, December 7, at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre to celebrate the Anniversary of the merger of Freeman Fox and John Taylor & Sons to form the Acer Group. Mr David Trippier, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, replied on behalf of the guests to Mr Roberts' welcoming remarks. Among others present were:

The Egyptian Ambassador, Lord Denman, Lord Howie, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, Mr Timothy Renton, MP, Sir David Miers, Sir John Pope and representatives of various foreign governments and national bodies.

British Aerospace plc

Mr R.H. Evans, Chairman designate of British Aerospace defence businesses, was host at a reception last night for the NATO Defence College, Rome, during their bi-annual visit to the UK.

The British Library

Main Reading Rooms closed Saturday. December 10, for urgent building work. 01-323 7676 for details.

A Service of Thanksgiving for life of Lady C.V. Osborn will be held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1, today at noon.

A memorial service will be held at St John's Church, Levens, Kendal, on Tuesday, December 13, at 2.30 pm for Hilary Lucy Overy, MBE, who died at Rockgate, Levens, on November 15, 1988. A collection will be made for the Cumbria Wild Life Trust.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Evelegh and Miss C-A. Harper

The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Major B.G.N. Evelegh and the late Mrs Doreen Evelegh, of Seaview, Isle of Wight, and Carol-Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Harper, of Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Mr A.W.P. Fleming and Mrs S.L. Clarke

The engagement is announced between Anthony William Patrick Fleming and Sally Louise Clarke (nee Pollott), both of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.

Mr G.M.G. Greenfield and Miss L.V. Ripley

The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs Bevil Greenfield, of Westcott, Surrey, and Lesley (Lee), only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sheldon Ripley, of Cohassett, Massachusetts, United States.

Mr J.K. Hamilton and Miss V.C. Teed

The engagement is announced between James Kendrick, son of Dr H.C. Hamilton and the late Mrs Hamilton, of Brentwood, Essex, and Vanessa Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.F.H. Teed, of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

Mr C.G. Janes and Miss V.A.T. Williams

The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Janes, of Esher, Surrey, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Williams, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr C.L.M. Jones and Miss S.G. Everett

The engagement is announced between Christopher Ian Montague, son of Mr and Mrs Brian M. Jones, of Oxford, and Sara Gillian, daughter of Commander and Mrs Peter Everett, of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. Jones and Miss S. Bett

The engagement is announced between Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bett, of Bromley, and Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jones, of Poynton.

Mr A. Kendrick and Miss C.J. Morley

The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Kendrick, of Lynfield House, Stock, Essex, and Carolyn, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Morley, of Park Farm, Tolleshunt Knights, Essex.

Mr A.R. Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick and Miss R.N. Burrill

The engagement is announced between Angus Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, younger son of Hunter and Madam Hunter of Hunterston, and Rebecca Burrill, only daughter of Mr Timothy Burrill and Mrs Simon Courtauld, of Inglewood Lodge, Kintbury, Berkshire.

Mr J.J. Kennedy-Sloane and Miss S.E. Patley

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr B.W. Kennedy-Sloane, of Rockledge, Florida, and Mrs J.M. Kennedy-Sloane, of Bath, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Putley, of Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire.

Mr G.T. Layer and Dr J.M. Sillick

The engagement is announced between Graham Tansley Layer, FRCS, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry Layer, of Brentwood, Essex, and Jennifer Mabel Sillick, only daughter of Mr Leonard Sillick and the late Mrs Harriet Sillick, of Oxsbott, Surrey.

Mr G.W. Lewin Smith and Miss R.A. Burges

The engagement is announced between Guy William, eldest son of Dr and Mrs R.G. Lewin Smith, of Woodnewton, Peterborough, and Ruth Amanda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.C.F. Burges, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr J.M. Marshall and Miss M. Chooi

The engagement is announced between James, son of the Revd Dr W.M. and Mrs Marshall, of Baltonsborough, Somerset, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.S. Chooi, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Mr J.W. Munyard and Miss A.M. Packe-Drury-Lowe

The engagement is announced between John Warwick, son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Munyard, of El Puiet, Ordino, Principality of Andorra, and Alice Mary, daughter of Mr S.J. Packe-Drury-Lowe, of Prestwold Hall, Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Mrs L.J.M. Packe-Drury-Lowe.

Mr J. Purcell and Miss H.K. Paul

The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Purcell, of Priory Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, and Henrietta, eldest daughter of the late Mr Roger Paul and of Mrs Roger Paul, of Brundish Lodge, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr C.R. Trefusis and Miss A.C. Dudgeon

The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs Jack Trefusis, of Feniton, Devon, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Dudgeon, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr A.H. Tripp and Miss O.J.R. Howes

The engagement is announced between Anthony, third son of Mr and Mrs Donald Howard Tripp, of Hove, and Olivia, eldest daughter of Mrs David Howes, of Ebbesbourne Wake, and the late Mr David Howes.

Mr A.D.C. Walters and Miss E.T.C. Heyman

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Walters, of Gavirate, Italy, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr John Heyman, of New York, and Mrs Norma Heyman, of Chelsea, London.

Marriages

Mr A. Johnston and Miss V. Humphryes

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 3, at St Mary's Church, Bentworth, Hampshire, between Mr Andrew Johnston, son of the late Mr Robin Johnston and Mrs Johnston, and Miss Victoria Humphryes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Humphryes. Archdeacon Derek Hayward officiated.

A reception was held at Rotherfield Park.

Mr D. Smith and Ms E. Zimmerman

The marriage took place on Thursday, December 8, at Westminster, between David Smith, of Marbella, Spain, and Elisabeth Zimmerman, daughter of Mrs G. Rothermel, Hamburg, Germany.

Party

"Not Forgotten" Association

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the annual Christmas party for disabled ex-Servicemen and women held at the Royal Riding School, Buckingham Palace, yesterday. Lord Skelmersdale, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Social Security, gave an address. A concert, arranged by Miss Anne Shelton, was given during the afternoon.

Anniversaries

Births: John Milton, London, 1608; Karl Wilhelm Scheele, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Stralsund, Germany, 1742; Joel Chandler Harris, journalist, author of *Uncle Remus*, Eatonton, Georgia, 1848.

Deaths: Sir Anthony van Dyke, painter, London, 1641; Dame Edith Sitwell, London, 1964; Karl Barth, theologian, Basle, 1968; Ralph Bunche, diplomat, Nobel Peace laureate 1950, New York, 1971.

Dinners

Fan Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual livery dinner of the Fan Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Patrick Bird, Master, presided, assisted by the Wardens. The Lord Mayor and Mr E.J.H. Geffen, Foreign Warden, also spoke and the principal guest was Mr W.N.M. Lawrence, Chairman of Lloyd's. Among the other guests were:

Sir Ronald and Lady Lindsay, Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick and Lady Bayly, the Engineer-in-Chief (Army) and Mrs Peck, the Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire and the Masters of the Coopers', Plumbers', Framework Knitters' and Insurers' Companies and their ladies.

Zionist Federation

Lord and Lady Sieff of Brimpton were presented with the Zionist Federation's first award for distinguished services at a dinner held last night at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr and Mrs Leon Tamman were the hosts. Lord Weidenfeld presided and Dr Stephen Roth, chairman, Mr Gideon Rafael, the Earl of Balfour, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, and the Hon Miriam Rothschild also spoke. Among those present were:

The Ambassador of Israel, the Chief Rabbi and Lady Jakobovits, Lord and Lady Mishcon, Lady Janner, the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP, and Mrs Janner, the Hon David and Mrs Sieff, the Hon Mrs Michael Sieff, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg, Dame Simone Prendergast, Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP, and Mrs Lois Sieff.

Cardiff Business Club

The Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Williams, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor John Smith, were present at a dinner at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night when the Guest Speaker was Professor Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics, University of Liverpool. Mr Edward Rea, Chairman, Ondawel (GB) Limited, presided.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was in the chair at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology at the Royal Society on December 6, sponsored by British Telecom Mobile Communications. Dr A. Rudge, Mr A. Macdonald and Mr J. Carrington spoke. Others present included:

The Earl of Bessborough, the Earl of Shannon, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Nathan, Lord Renwick, Baroness White, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, Dr Jeremy Bray, MP, Dr Michael Clark, MP, and Mr Peter Rost, MP.

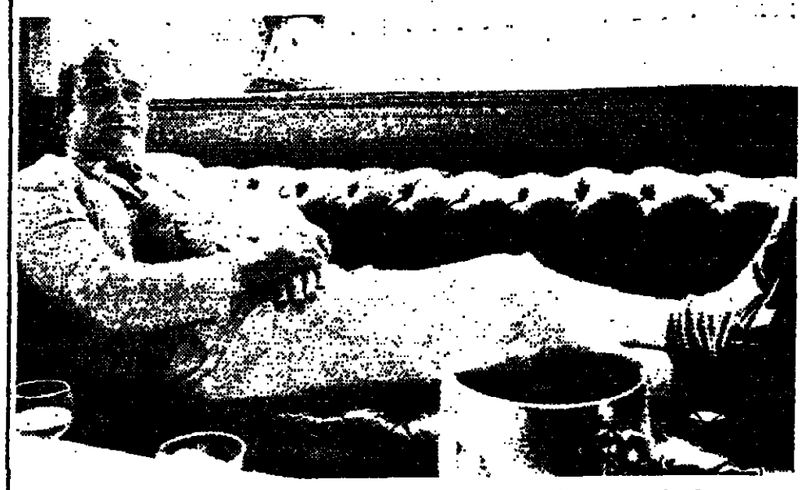
General Council of British Shipping

The President, Ian Denholm, CBE, DL, JP, presided at the annual dinner of the General Council of British Shipping held at the Hilton Hotel on Park Lane, London on Wednesday December 7. The principal guest was the Rt Hon Lynda Chalker, MP, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who replied to the President's toast to Her Majesty's Ministers. The President later presented a plaque to the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sir William Staveley, GCB, ADC, to mark the special gratitude of the British shipping industry to the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol in accompanying ships in the Gulf.

OBITUARIES

PETER LANGAN

Restaurateur who catered for celebrities — and became one himself



Peter Langan, who died in hospital on December 7, after suffering from burns occasioned in his Essex home, was a larger-than-life restaurateur known throughout the West End. He was 47.

He was frequently pictured with a bottle of champagne in his hand, usually one of the better *marques*, and a few more by his side. His consumption of that wine until quite recently was legendary. His Brasserie, just off Piccadilly, provided many a story for the gossip columns and Langan himself was at the centre of quite a few of them. Langan kept the majority shareholding with his partners, Michael Caine (with whom he had many a dispute) and chef Richard Shepherd, sharing the remaining 49%.

He liked publicity and he liked celebrities. The latter flocked to be seen —and the food in Cafe de Flo style was pretty good too — just as earlier they had gone to Langan's first restaurant, Odin's, in Marylebone. Smart brasseries were Langan's speciality and he succeeded in influencing friends and winning people. He also lost a few, because he was often ready with an insult. His attempt to introduce the Langan style of eating and living to Los Angeles recently was a costly failure.

Langan was born in County Clare, son of an Irish rugby international. But he left Ireland when he was 18 to work for Texaco in Sunderland, which included being a petrol pump attendant. His relationship with his native land was ambivalent: he claimed not to like it but, like a good Irishman, needed only the prompting of a jar or two to talk about it, often at considerable length.

In the 1960s he opened Odin's, which became a favourite restaurant of well-heeled artists and those about to become well-heeled. Langan claimed that he "just drifted into the business". But the menus in Langan restaurants tended to be illustrated by patrons such as David Hockney and Patrick Procktor and Langan himself became an art collector. In Parisian style, a portrait of the proprietor was likely to be hanging in a prominent position.

Langan, though, was jocular and disparaging about himself. "Maybe I am a chancer. Time will tell whether I am a bum", he once said, probably with a few expletives deleted. His Brasserie was noisy but good fun; Odin's restaurant could on its day be outstanding and its wine list was excellently chosen. Langan himself despite his frequent desire to outrage had good taste: he claimed the Connaught was his own favourite watering hole, although he did not say whether the Grill Room or the Restaurant.

A little colour will leave the West End and just a little less champagne will be drunk.

Langan leaves his widow, Susan.

JOHN MORGAN

Versatile television journalist and writer

John Morgan, the broadcaster, who had a successful career in television journalism on current affairs programmes such as *Panorama* and *Tonight*, and played a key role in the creation of Harlech Television, died from cancer on December 7 at the age of 59.

Morgan, a burly, soft-voiced Welshman with a mop of dark curly hair, spent six years as a member of the *Panorama* team, during which he built up a high reputation as a versatile television journalist. He had a particular interest in politics and contributed several much praised profiles of leading politicians of the period, including Selwyn Lloyd and Hugh Gaitskell. Although he could turn his hand equally well to home or foreign assignments, the stories he preferred, apart from politics, were those about people's hopes, ambitions and fears; one of his memorable features was on London homeless families.

Morgan was born in Swansea, the son of a carpenter and builder. From grammar school he went on to University College, Swansea, where he graduated in English. After service in the RAF, which he left in 1952, he had difficulty in obtaining employment. For two years he worked in a steel works, at the same time sending off journalistic pieces to the *New Statesman* and *The Observer* newspaper, for which he became a local correspondent.

At this time he also contributed talks to the Third Programme on such diverse subjects as Rugby football, to which he was dedicated, and working class literature. He wrote a novel and a history of Rugby football.

His introduction to television journalism came in 1957 when he did reports from Wales for the *Tonight* programme.

He and his wife moved to London in 1959 when he was offered a job on the *New Statesman*, where he wrote a London Diary column. He subsequently became deputy editor.

Morgan joined *Panorama* in 1961 and combined his television work with his duties at the *New Statesman* until he left the magazine in 1965. During 1966 and 1967 he wrote a weekly political column for *The Sunday Times* giving a left-wing viewpoint.

Morgan's long association with *Panorama* came to an end in 1967 when he left after becoming unhappy with changes in the format of the programme which was then adopting a magazine type approach to its coverage of events. His disenchantment coincided with his interest in a bid for the commercial television franchise for Wales and the West Country. He approached several prominent Welshmen and became associated with Richard Burton, Stanley Baker and Sir Geraint Evans, the opera singer, and others in the creation of Harlech Television, which took over the commercial television licence in 1968. Morgan became programme adviser.

Apart from Rugby football, Morgan's other great passion was music; opera was his particular interest and he proudly claimed to be "a Mozart maniac". He wrote the libretto for a 30-minute television opera for Harlech in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and a son.

SIR IVO MALLET

Envoy in Madrid in the chilly Franco years

Sir Ivo Mallet, GBE, KCMG, who was British Ambassador in Madrid between 1954 and 1960, died in Switzerland on December 7 at the age of 88.

He had been an Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office in 1949 and from 1951 to 1954 was Ambassador to Yugoslavia.

Mallet served in Spain during the years when the Franco regime was slowly re-emerging on the international scene after the 1953 bases agreement with the United States had provided a first opening and when the Spanish economy, devastated in the Civil War, began to revive.

They were, however, difficult years with the country still in Franco's firm grasp and official Anglo-Spanish relations because of Gibraltar were at best only correct. Mallet, an intellectually-minded diplomat not given to the social round, concentrated on stimulating trade between the two countries.

William Ivo Mallet was born in 1900 the son of Sir Charles Mallet, and after being educated at Harrow and Balliol College, Oxford, entered the diplomatic service in 1925.

After posts in Turkey, Berlin and Rome he became asssistant private secretary to Lord Halifax, then Foreign Secretary, in 1938 and continued in that capacity till 1941. At the Foreign Office he later helped prepare the reforms which led to the merging of the diplomatic and consular services.

Given Mallet's own bent it was perhaps ironic that he should have been the author, when in 1953 in Belgrade, of a report on the late Sir Duncan Wilson, then his subordinate at the embassy, pronouncing him "unfitted for normal diplomatic work", meaning the cocktail round. This resulted in Wilson's being "banished" to the Foreign Office library for a couple of years. Wilson, however, subsequently went on to become Ambassador to Moscow; in 1982 Mallet publicly defended his earlier judgment in terms flattering to Wilson.

In 1929 he married Marie-Angele Wierusz-Kowalski, who died in 1985.

Mr Albert Evans, who died on December 4 at the age of 85, was Labour MP for West Islington from 1947 to 1950, and for South-West Islington from 1950 to 1970. A master engraver by trade, and for three years a member of the LCC, he was known in the House as a conscientious back bencher

Miss Sheila Scott

A service of thanksgiving for Miss Sheila Scott was held yesterday at St Michael's Cornhill. The Rev David Burton Evans and the Rev John Scott, Chaplains to the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, officiated. Captain Frank H. Dell, Master of the Guild, and Mr Peter Cadbury read the lessons. Mr David S. Morris read *Dancing in the Skies* by John Gillespie Magee and Mr F. Stringer, Master-elect, gave an address. Among those present

Mr and Mrs David Hurlstone, Mr William Hurlstone, Mr Robert Hurlstone, Miss Joanne Hurlstone, Mr and Mrs John Turner, Lord and Lady Balfe, Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Mr Ian Scott-Hill (vice-president, Royal Aero Club) with Dr R.S. Bradley (chairman) and Mr P.W. Ritchie (treasurer), Mr and Mrs Brian Trubshaw, Mr G. Tritton (clerk, Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators), and Mrs Tritton, with Captain J. Nicholl (the Guild Benevolent Fund), Mr F.O. Marsh (Federation Aeronautique Internationale), Miss Mary Harris (World Aerospace Education Organization), Mrs Lois McRobert (chairman, British Women Pilots Association), also representing the president), Lieutenant-Commander

Memorial services

J B Turner (Fleet Air Arm Officers' Association), Mr George Frank, and Mr Kenneth Scott (Special Forces Club), Miss Hazel Prosper (secretary-general, Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets), Captain Peter Crisp (Race Dyn. Miss Margot Morse (Zonta International), Miss Christine Russell with Miss Patricia Ford (YWCA), Mrs Barbara Ruff with Mrs Doreen Bushell (VAD (RN) Association), Mr S W Gibbins (Commercial Union Assurance Company), Mr Andrew Donaldy (Entertainment Inc) with Mr J Stebley and Mr F Beech: Mr Ray Jolls, Mr George C Miller, Mr Eric Sleeman, Mr and Mrs D R Mandeville, Mr Norman Lonsdale, Mr Anthony Smith, Mr Robert de Smecdole, Mrs F Stringer and Mr Colin Dryden.

Mr Alec Peterson

The Prince of Wales, President of the International Council of United World Colleges, was represented by General Sir Ian Gourlay, Director-General of United World Colleges, at a memorial service for Mr Alec Peterson held yesterday at St John's Wood Church. The Rev John Slater officiated and read the lesson. Mr Nigel Bromage read *Rugby Chapel* by Matthew Arnold and Dr Donald Richards read *Peace* by Henry Vaughan. Dr John Goormaghtigh gave an address.

Mr Geoffrey Williams

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Trewby, KCB, FEng, at the thanksgiving service for the life of Mr Geoffrey Williams, MA, FRS, FEng, held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. Sir Denis Rooke, CBE, FRS, FEng, President, Fellowship of Engineering, gave the first reading and Mr Geoffrey Coates, BSc, FEng, Chairman, Association of Consulting Engineers, gave the second reading. The tribute was given by Mr Henry Grace, MSc, former senior partner of Scott Wilson Kirkpatrick & Partners. The Rev Basil Watson, OBE, MA, RN, past Guild Vicar, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible for you.
St Matthew 17 : 20

BIRTHS

BUTLER - On December 3rd, to Lisbeth (née Gillies) and Richard, a daughter, Harriet.

FARQUHARSON - On December 1st, to Fiona (née James) and Charles, a daughter, Alice Fiona Mary. Grateful thanks to staff at Whipps Cross Maternity Hospital.

GRAHAM - On December 8th 1988, to Margaret (née Davidson) and Alan, a daughter, Naomi Jane.

HAY - On November 24th 1988, at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Sheelagh (née Ogilvie-Thomson) and John, a daughter, Zoe Margaret Thomson.

JACOBS - On December 3rd 1988, to Shelley and Leslie, a son, Ricki Daniel.

JANE - On December 4th, in Peterborough, to Andrea (née Wallis) and Phillip, a daughter, Charlotte Sarah.

JONES - On November 27th 1988, to Phené (née Fermont) and Roddy, a son, Nicholas Charles Rothwell.

KIRSCH - On December 3rd, to Judith (née Preston) and Michael, a son, Richard Michael.

MACDONALD - On November 30th, to Claire and Robert, a daughter, Verity Juliet Claire.

MacKENZIE - On December 1st, to Amanda and Cameron, a son Gabriel Edmund, a brother for Constance.

MAXWELL WOOD - On December 2nd, to Caroline (née Elphick) and Robert, a son, David Henry, a brother for Thomas and Edward.

MONEY-COUTTS - On December 6th to Lucy (née Deedes) and Crispin, a daughter, (Evelyn) Rose.

ORR - On November 29th 1988, to Sara (née Atkinson) and Gareth, a son, James.

OSBORNE - On December 7th, to Lorraine (née Miles) and Henry, a daughter.

PITT - On December 2nd in Nairobi, to Jessica (née Molloy) and Julian a daughter, Hannah Miranda.

WAKELY GAMBA - On December 8th, in Versailles, to Susanne and Daniel a daughter, Francesca Charlotte.

WESTWOOD - On December 7th 1988, at Dorchester, to Bridget (née Vernell) and Martin, a daughter, Philippa Mary. A sister for Jemima Helen.

MARRIAGES

ARCHIBALD:WENHAM - On December 7th 1988, at Hexham, Brigadier Brian Archibald to Miss Nancy Wenham.

BIRD:SUYAMA - On November 19th, in Kurume, Japan, Nicholas, son of Colonel and Mrs Godfery Bird of St Cross, Winchester, to Tsunako, daughter of Mr and Mrs Suyama of Inatsuki, Japan.

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DEATHS

BENNETT - On December 6th, quietly at home, Winifred, widow of G.M.D. Bennett. Cremation service at Canford Crematorium, Bristol, on Friday, December 9th at 4pm. Family flowers only but donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

BROWN - On December 6th 1988, at Orpington Hospital, Ronald (Roy) Ernest Charles Brown MBE, aged 70 years. Dearly beloved husband of Peggy, loving father of Richard, Malcolm and Caroline and his two daughters-in-law, Lynette and Lyntina. Dear granddad of Kevin, Denise, Samantha and Philip. Funeral service at St Giles Church, Farnborough, Kent, at 2.30 pm on Thursday December 15th 1988, followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent to, The Friends Of Orpington Hospital or South Bromley Hospice Care, at Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent.

CAMPBELL-SMITH - On December 6th, very peacefully at his home, Walter aged 101. Beloved husband of Susan and dearly loved father and grandfather. Private cremation on Tuseday December 13th, followed by a service of Thanksgiving at St. Marys Church, Goudhurst, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The NSPCC. Enquiries to E.R. Hicknott & Son, Tunbridge Wells. (0892) 22462.

DEBIDIN - On December 7th 1988, peacefully in his sleep, Daniel P. Debidin, aged 79. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, and a much respected Solicitor of the Supreme Court. Funeral service at 11.30am on Wednesday, December 14th at St. Andrews United Reform Church, Mount Park Road, Ealing W5, followed by burial at 1.30pm at Putney Vale Cemetery, SW15.

EVANS - On December 4th, after a short illness, Albert Evans, Member of Parliament for Islington South West from 1947 until 1970. Donations if desired to Norfolk Naturalists' Trust, 72 Cathedral Close, Norwich.

FRASER - On December 7th 1988, at Ettrick Road, Edinburgh, Elizabeth Smith Fraser, C.B.E., formerly of the Ministry of Labour, daughter of the late Rev. William Fraser and of the late Mrs Jane Fraser.

GALES - On December 3rd, peacefully in Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, Elsie Jane, aged 95, beloved aunt of Betty, Janet and Keith. For fifty years Miss Gales was the devoted Nurse at St. George's School, Ascot.

HESELTINE - On Friday, December 2nd 1988, unexpectedly but peacefully, in Scotland, Teddy (Edwin Oswald) aged 70. Father of Richard, Simon, Sophia and Mark, brother of Margaret Potts, Kathleen Fowler and the late Mary Ward-Jackson. Donations to, the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26 Maunsel St., London SW1P 2QN would be appreciated.

HEWSON - On November 23rd 1988, after a short illness, Joan (née Denby), wife of Everard and mother of Caroline and Barbara. Loved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Service will be held in Addingham Parish Church, on Saturday December 17th at 11.30 am.

HILL - On December 8th 1988, after a short illness at the Nakuru War Memorial Hospital, Cenydd David, beloved husband of Alison Hill, dear father of Elizabeth, Adam, Johnny and Andrew.

KAHN - On December 7th, peacefully in hospital, Florence, loving and beloved wife of Jack, mother of Dilys and Susan, grandmother of Sam, William and Mary.

KNIGHT - On December 5th 1988, unexpectedly, at The London Bridge Hospital, Philip John, of Church Living, Branscombe, Devon, and Dolphin Square, London. He was a loving and beloved husband of Sylvia, and father of Jillian and Robert. Funeral will be at St. Winifreds Church, Branscombe, Devon, on Tuesday December 13th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Exeter. By request no flowers, but donations to The British Heart Foundation, c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East St., Bridport Dorset. Tel: (0308) 23726.

LEWIS - On December 4th, Owen John, aged 77, father of Mary Ann, stepfather of Mark and Caroline. Funeral 11.30 am December 13th, Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations c/o W & F Groombridge Funeral Directors, Tonbridge.

LEWIS-CLARKE - On December 7th, 1988 Elfrida Mary, widow of William Lewis-Clarke C.B.E. Mother of Anne, Conran and John Argenti: Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Please no flowers or letters, at her request. Funeral private.

LORIMER - On December 6th 1988, after a short illness, Anthony Crosbie, aged 66. Much loved husband of Sheila, father of Jacky, Robert, Charlotte and John and adored grandfather of Ben, Mark, Laurie, Edward, Alex, Pavarnie, Tom, Antonia and James. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service in Walberswick Church, on Friday, December 16th at 2pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 1 The Sandlings, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

LOTHIAN - On December 6th, Lawrence Charles, greatly loved by Phyllis his wife and all the staff of the Sea Beach Nursing Home, Horton. In peace at last surrounded by love. Private funeral at Swansea Crematorium on December 12th at 3.00pm. No black to be worn. No flowers. Donations to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Society, c/o of Mrs Richards, Sea Beach Nursing Home, Horton, Gower, Swansea.

MAGOWAN - On December 7th, at home, The Hermitage, Westwood Park, London SE23, Helen Jane, (née Atkinson), much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Honor Oak Crematorium on Tuesday, December 13th at 4.30 pm, leaving home at 4pm.

MAITLAND-TITTERTON - On December 5th 1988, in Edinburgh, Major David Maitland Maitland-Titterton TD Herald Marchmont, Lately of Moberly, Airlie, Angus. Funeral 10.30am Saturday December 17th, St Marys Parish Church, Haddington, East Lothian. Family and close friend. Flowers to H & W Harkess, 77 South Clerk Street, Edinburgh, by 5.00pm December 16th please.

MALLET - On December 7th, in Switzerland in his 89th year, Sir William Ivo Mallet, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., devoted husband of the late Mary Mallet, beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral private at Rossinière.

McKEE - On December 8th, in New Zealand, Air Marshal Sir Andrew 'Square' McKee KCB CBE DSO DFC AFC. Beloved husband of Cecelia, dearly loved father of Sally and Cecelia, much loved grandfather of Nicholas, Sara, Timothy and Kate. Enquires Tel: 0424 882819.

MINNS - On November 30th, in Nairobi, Kenya, Audrey Minns, wife of the late R.N. Minns, mother of Rodney and Rowland.

MORTON - On Monday December 5th, bravely but peacefully at Poole, Charles, beloved husband to Yvonne and much loved father of Pat, Carey and Robert. Service to be held at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Branksome, Poole, on Tuesday December 13th, at 10.30am.

NORTH - On December 3rd 1988, peacefully at Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge, Doris aged 89, widow of the late Leslie North, of Worcester and Brighton and of the late William Butterfield of Birmingham. Much beloved mother of John and Michael Butterfield, grandmother and great grandmother. Family funeral at Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge, at 2.15pm Monday December 12th. No flowers by request, donations to Save The Childrens Fund.

PERKINS - On December 8th, peacefully at home after a long illness, Sir Robert (Bobby), beloved husband of the late Patricia and much loved stepfather of Mark, Desmond, and Torquil Norman. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Laurence's, Downton, on Tuesday January 10th at 11.30. Donations may be sent to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

SHAW - On November 27th, after an illness borne with grace and courage, Kathy, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W I Shaw, adored sister of Barbara Greggains, dear sister-in-law of David and dearly loved aunt of Fiona and Lucy. Funeral has taken place. So sadly missed by her family, friends and colleagues.

SMITH - On Monday December 5th, suddenly, Duncan Robert Vaughan, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and son of Jean and the late Donald. Funeral service at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church St., London, at 11.00 am Monday December 12th, followed by interment at St Catherines, Holt, Wiltshire at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only and donations to the British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne St., London W1.

SNELL - On December 7th, as the result of a road accident, Doctor Norman William, aged 87 years

SNELLING - On December 7th at home Anthony, beloved husband of Joan. Private cremation, donations to Cancer Research.

WILLIAMS - On December 7th 1988, peacefully at home, Marjorie aged 80 years, of Findon Valley, Worthing. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Wednesday December 14th at 12.30pm. Flowers may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: (0903) 34516.

WORMALD - On December 6th 1988, peacefully at Wincanton Memorial Hospital, after a very short illness Ruth Margaret (née Hunt) widow of John, dearly beloved mother, grandmother and cherished friend. Private cremation at Yeovil. Thanksgivivg service at North Cadbury Church, on Wednesday December 14th, at 2.30pm. Donations if desired for, The League of Friends, Wincanton Memorial Hospital and Cancer Research c/o Mr Harold F. Miles, F.D., South Cadbury, Yeovil. Tel: 0963 40367.

YOUNG - On November 30th, A. Stuard ('Stu') suddenly, at Grand Union Station, Washington DC; of New Hope and Philadelphia PA: Anglo File, Aviator, Motor Racing Fanatic, Lawyer and devoted husband and father. Sadly missed by all his friends throughout the world.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ROXON - The Requiem Mass for Dorothy June Foxon, will take place at All Hallows Church, Savernake Road, NW5 on Tuesday December 13th, at 3 pm, followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, at 4.10pm (Family only).

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London

Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine

Appointments

Professor Igor Aleksander: Professor of Neural Systems Engineering and Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering; Professor A D Gosman: Professor of Computational Fluid Dynamics, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Professor F J Humphreys: Professor of Physical Metallurgy, Department of Materials; Professor P L Knight: Professor of Quantum Optics, Department of Physics; Professor John Perkins: Professor of Chemical Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering and Chemical Technology; Professor D Pettifor: Professor of Theoretical Solid State Physics, Department of Physics; Professor K H Ruddock: Professor of Biophysics, Department of Physics.

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King's College

Appointments

Vice-Principal: Mr John Muir, MA, has been appointed a Vice-Principal with responsibility for the college's external relations programme.

Assistant Principal: Professor Arthur Lucas, has been appointed as Assistant Principal at the College's Chelsea Campus.

King's College Council: Two new lay members were appointed to succeed Bishop Gerald Ellison and Mr Redfern. They are Lady Maybew and Mr Roger McClure.

Hull

At a Degree Congregation on December 9 the following honorary degrees will be conferred:

Doctor of Science, Sebastian Coe, international athlete and Vice Chairman of the Sports Council; Doctor of Divinity, Gerald Priestland, broadcaster and journalist on religious affairs.

Leicester

Appointments

Lecturers

Dr Peter Stanley Colloby, Department of Pathology; Dr James Howard Pringle, Department of Pathology; Mr David Conlan, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery; Dr Nilesh Jayantilal Samani, Department of Medicine; Mr John Williams, Football Trust Research Lecturer, Department of Sociology from 1 October 1988.

Marc Fitch Research Fellow: Dr David Allan Postles, Department of English Local History.

Bristol Polytechnic

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has announced the names of members of the new Board of Governors for Bristol Polytechnic. The new Board, which will have 25 members, has been set up under the Education Reform Act to govern the Polytechnic from 1 April 1989.

The members are:

Dr Robert Glendinning, chairman of the present governing body; Philip Gregory, regional secretary, Trades Union Congress (South West); Clive Halton, senior partner, Deloitte Haskins and Sells, Bristol; Michael Jackaman, chairman and chief executive officer, Hiram Walker – Allied Vintners Ltd, Shepton Mallet; Michael Kelsey, director and chief executive, Engineering Employers Western Association; Michael Knight, agent, Bank of England.

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Arthur Keefe, principal lecturer and course leader, Diploma in Applied Social Studies, Bristol Polytechnic; Alfred Morris, director, Bristol Polytechnic; Dr Dennis Fox, leader of the council and chairman of the planning committee, Northavon District Council; Maureen Wheadon, member of the education committee, Avon County Council.

Scholarships

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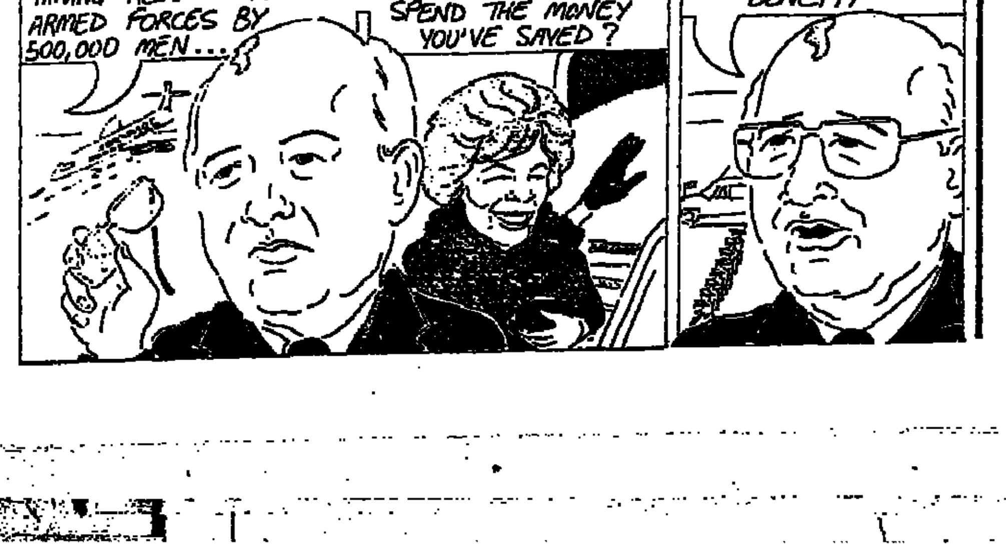

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The very nature of their partnership gave the performance an even sharper profile. There may not have been that close-fused chemistry of a Brendel and a Fischer-Dieskau, a Schreier and a Richter, but there was a similar and startling cross-kindling of response as the one soloist offset the other.

Schiff had chosen a Bosendorfer piano, and from the start exploited its ability to quicken to the touch of a *springing left hand* and a staringly bright right hand. The whipcracking entry which shattered the dream of the Lindenbaum, and the knife-tip of every staccato had the clarity of a fortepiano with, of course, twice its resonance.

Holl, in turn, pointed the advantages of having a bass-baritone to sing this work: its natural and, here most effective sense of real effort in reaching the highest notes; and the degree of slowness its weight allows, most powerfully in "Der greise Kopf" and "Das Wirtshaus".

Using Schubert's jagged, lurching lines and dislocated rhythms entirely physically, the whole became a Brueghel-like figure, bent grotesquely double as he looked into the snow for the footprints of the beloved, turning the knife in the wound of the word "Weh", and with arms and voice limp for the final numb vision of the organ grinder.

Hilary Finch

Recorder virtuoso Frans Bruggen, founder conductor of the Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century, talks to **Stephen Pettitt**

Pursuit of excellence, period

A number of things strike one about Frans Bruggen on a first encounter; his dignified stature, his self-possession, his tolerance, his ultra-refinement, and his quiet, thoroughly humbling modesty. For at least two decades he has been regarded as the doyen of recorder players, concerning himself not just with the early repertoire but with newer music. He it was who inspired the composition of Berio's *Gesti*, for instance, in 1966.

Since 1981, however, the activity of conducting his own Dutch-based Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century has gradually assumed a dominant position in his career, and now the group's success is beginning to bring in other invitations. His current visit, as well as being for the purpose of his concert tonight in Oxford and tomorrow in London with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, also takes in a debut next Thursday with Welsh National Opera. The work concerned is *Messiah*; Bruggen, at 54 so far without experience of conducting opera, hopes his performance might lead to things more in keeping with the company's primary function.

How did all this come about? "I just decided I wanted to make an orchestra of the best possible people. I realized that you could not find the best from just one country, so I wrote letters to players everywhere, proposing my idea of an orchestra which would meet for two periods, each of six weeks, every year. The purpose was to rehearse maybe two programmes really intensively and give as many concerts as we could.

"A lot of the musicians have other teaching and performing commitments, so to be able to set aside two definite blocks was an advantage, though some, of course, had to say no. Now we've reached the position where we have the same personnel each time. It's a kind of festival of friends, and by the end we like to feel as though we've achieved something: a feeling of tiredness and happiness combined."

For the OAE concerts Bruggen has had what seems like a lavish rehearsal schedule of eight sessions. "That's nothing, compared to what my orchestra has." So how is such preparation managed financially? "I don't pay them. We run as a co-operative. We see how much we earn at the end of the season and divide the profit equally."

No different for Bruggen? "No, we all get the same." And does that egalitarian policy extend to the music making? "I ask advice all the time about bowings and so on, but in the end the responsibility for shaping a performance is mine. I spend a lot of time thinking about that."

Elegance of shape is indeed a particular hallmark of Bruggen's performances. Another feature is the homogeneity of his orchestra's sound, quite at variance with some English groups. "Well, the music we tend to play is from the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when instruments were already changing, already melting a little bit more. I never ask a player to play out of the instrument's nature.

"It's true that our violins, say, are more mellow than a British section would be. Also our recordings are made in a warm acoustic – the Muziekcentrum Vredenburg in Utrecht – which has a great effect on how our sound is perceived, of course."

Talk of recording brings us to another principle governing Bruggen's orchestra. "Right from the start it was understood that we would never go into the studio. Our aim is to give concerts and travel. The records we do make for Philips are always of live performances.

"We wait until near the end of a tour, when the interpretation has matured but the players are not yet tired. Then we have the microphones open at a couple of performances, and if it works, it works." There are no plans then, for a complete Beethoven Symphonies cycle, for instance? "No, absolutely not. If we have something that makes a nice record, well that's fine."

Bruggen's conducting activities have undeniably put his recorder and flute playing rather into the shadows. Are there any regrets? "No, not really. Playing is never boring, of course, but the solo recorder repertoire is so limited, and I feel I've done all I can with it. It's a real pity that you can't play Tchaikovsky on a recorder."

Something else that seems to have fallen by the wayside is teaching: "I've not done that for 12 or 14 years." But the Netherlands is surely the ideal place for someone like Bruggen to preach what he practises, with the amazing popularity of "early" music there. "Yes. That's because of the post-war boom in the arts.

"We've had a lot of government support, subsidizing not just ensembles but also halls, which has made everything possible, in old as well as new music; though now, of course, private sponsorship is beginning to take over." I am curious to hear what Bruggen thinks about that. "I prefer the system of public support, yes."

When he steps out to conduct WNO's *Messiah*, it will be the first time that Bruggen has been in front of an orchestra of modern-style practitioners. How will he be trying to get them to play? "Differently. You can, for instance, break a lifetime's habit simply by asking the strings to make a down bow into an up bow.

"I think there's been a change of attitude among modern players towards older styles recently. With people like Hogwood being asked to conduct in the Hollywood Bowl and so on, there's been a realization that not to be informed is not good. Musicians nowadays want to learn about different ways of doing things."

How much as the earlier reluctance in the profession to do with the conservatism of the colleges? "The Royal Hague Conservatory is very good in that respect. But the others in Holland are still too traditional. What's more, they try to bring everybody up as solo players. What we need are courses in second violin playing; it takes a very special talent to do that, and it's something that's generally just not catered for."

STEPHEN MARKESON

Quiet modesty: Frans Bruggen at 54 is to conduct his first modern style orchestra, for Welsh National Opera

Bruggen does not fit into the category of the "early" musician cursed with tunnel vision. In his spare time he keeps up with contemporary Dutch literature and "I've reached the stage where I can appreciate Thomas Mann. It's his language and his precision I admire."

There is breadth, too, in his musical activities. Next March he has planned an 18-concert tour of Europe. The single work will be Bach's B Minor Mass, and the itinerary includes Moscow, Budapest and Berlin.

Another concert he has scheduled is a collaboration between his own orchestra and Holland's Schoenberg Ensemble, in which Bruggen will conduct a Bach Brandenburg Concerto, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks*, and an ingenious realization of a canon from Bach's *The Musical Offering* by the Dutch composer Kees Boecke. Such activities suggest that he is not interested in exhibiting music as though it were in a museum, and indeed when I ask him if he has anything he wants to add to our conversation the reply is emphatic: "Only that I want to make our own style, our own performances; not to recreate old ones."

● *Frans Bruggen conducts the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment tonight at the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford and tomorrow at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, with the same programme, including the Bach B Minor Mass, at both concerts*

Not quite all that you dream

ROCK

Little Feat
Town & Country

"There is no Little Feat without Lowell George", declared the keyboard player Bill Payne in 1979, the year that George, aged 34, died of a heart attack. Until recently Payne was taken at his word, and it was slightly eerie to hear the drummer Richie Hayward and the percussionist Sam Clayton set up a familiar rhythmic pattern and then the rest of the band come rolling and tumbling into "Fat Man in a Bathtub" from the *Dixie Chicken* album.

Also present and correct from the group's golden era were Paul Barrere (guitar), Kenny Gradney (bass) and Payne on keyboards, together with the long-standing part-time contributor Fred Tackett (guitar). The only newcomer was the guitarist and singer Craig Fuller, on to whose shoulders fell the unenviable task of impersonating Lowell George on old favourites such as "Rock 'n' Roll Doctor", "Dixie Chicken" and "Willin' ". On others, such as "Oh Atlanta", "Down on the Farm", "Rocket in my Pocket" and "Feats Don't Fail Me Now", Payne, Barrere and Fuller played pass the parcel with the vocals, collectively never more than barely adequate.

Inevitably, the ghost of George was never far from the stage and even when the band tackled new material like the uptempo swamp shuffle of "Cajun Girl" or the more typically funky "Hate To Lose Your Lovin' " they lacked a clear focus of attention, let alone anyone with the languid personal magnetism which George used to exude.

Bonnie Raitt sang a trio of songs and played slide guitar with a buoyant sense of purpose; but generally speaking, the performance was a pale reminder of the band which played to such devastating effect on the package tour of Europe in 1974.

The one indisputable ace in the group's hand remained the incomparable rhythm section. Richie Hayward turned in a bravura performance, stretching restlessly round his sizeable kit with a euphoric enthusiasm undiminished by the years.

David Sinclair

DANCE

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

Two further guest stars on loan from the Paris Opera, Isabelle Guerin in *The Sleeping Beauty* and Sylvie Guillem in *Grand Pas Classique*, both decided to follow the Sinatra policy and do it "my way", with glorious results.

Guerin, dancing Aurora for the first time, took no liberties with the choreography, but she did give it unmistakably her own stamp by phrasing and emphasis. Like Elisabeth Maurin, who danced the role last week, Guerin has technique enough and to spare, enabling her to play with the movement and present it with her own nuances.

In particular, you notice the variety and vivacity in the placing of her head and shoulders, the timing of when she looks at her partner or away from him. Her characterization comes not from detailed action like Maurin's but more from the dance itself.

Guillem, returning to Covent Garden after her acclaimed Giselle last January, first re-established her classical credentials by dancing Terpsichore in *Apollo*. There was a breadth in her movement, a finesse in the curves she shaped in the duet, a delicate waywardness to match the capricious music of her solo.

Besides, she gives a sense of drama to everything she does. It was the lack of this that chiefly prevented Jonathan Cope from making much impression in his first attempt at the title part; individual sequences showed a conscientious attempt at expression, but this does not seem to come naturally to him. (Jeremy Sheffield, replacing Cope in his created role in Bintley's *Spirit of Fugue*, gave the gestures more dramatic impact.)

Still, having to partner Guillem also in her other offering, the *Grand Pas Classique*, can have done Cope nothing but good, not just from the exuberant solos but more by the sheer, outrageous extravagance of Guillem's own performance.

This display number was created in 1949 by Victor Gsovsky as a showpiece for Yvette Chauvire. When she danced it, the adjective "classique" was apt, but with perfect justice Guillem transforms it into a showpiece for her own talents, as individual and (dare I say) as striking as Chauvire's were.

Guillem is the essence, the epitome, of a new species, which we might call the neo-classic ballerina. The amazing assurance and sustained, rock-steady perfection of her balances, the swift ease of her *developpes*, the long, lithe ease and sharpness of every movement: this is classical ballet limbering up for the 1990s, and Guillem with an amused smile triumphantly challenges us to astonishment, admiration and amusement in equal proportions. There is one more performance, on Monday.

John Percival

Crack team's virtuosity

CONCERT

London Brass/ Rolf Hind
Queen Elizabeth Hall

This was an heroic programme, both for a crack team from London Brass and for the young pianist, Rolf Hind, a sequence of engagements that culminated in the outright battle of Xenakis' *Eonta*. Requiring the thoughtful, lean and intense Hind to play this was a bit like asking a ballet dancer to pump iron, but he responded with a performance of concentrated virtuosity, one that was showy only by devoting itself in the first place to the music.

That was his way, too, in a nicely contrasted pair of Messiaen pieces: the wild dance of "Regard de L'Esprit de Joie" and then "Le courlis cendre", one of this composer's rare studies in grey.

Its greyness was emphasized by Hind's habit of just slightly breaking chords, which became in his hands less a fault than a plausible and versatile musical technique, one that certainly did not get in the way of alacrity, determination and precision in a seriously exultant account of the Spirit's whirl that ends the first half of the *Vingt Regards*.

Only in Janacek's *Capriccio* at the start of the evening had Hind seemed ill at ease, in a performance that was altogether underpowered, partly because the wide-open stage produced an echoing barn acoustic that better suited Janacek's combats and the disconcertingly lazy hymns and fanfares of John Tavener's *Trisagion* for double brass quintet.

The other newish piece was also disappointing, in that one expects a more consistent stylishness from Poul Ruders. His *Breakdance* adroitly stepped aside from any point of comparison with the similarly scored *Eonta*, but in eight minutes it flicked through rather too many possibilities: a patch of Stravinsky's *Ragtime* brought forward 75 years, a bass-register piano solo dance close to Messiaen's exotic, masculine angels, and repetitive blocks of Lego music.

Paul Griffiths

Portraits of the artists

THEATRE

Artist Descending a Staircase
Duke of York's

Tom Stoppard's radio plays are so ingeniously constructed for radio and nothing else that it takes an equivalent wizardry to transplant them into the theatre; and it is high praise for Tim Luscombe's production (first reviewed by Jeremy Kingston at the King's Head) that it gets half way towards a successful adaptation of this rigorously aural piece.

Artist Descending a Staircase examines the pitfalls of perception by setting the memory of three old artists against the experience of their younger selves. The piece opens with one of Stoppard's mock murder mysteries. One of the old boys (Donner) has fallen to his death down the attic stairs, leaving his companions, Beauchamp and Martello, to accuse each other of having pushed him.

The action then recedes through five stages back to 1914, showing their daisy-chain relationship to a blind girl, Sophie, whom Donner loved, and who killed herself when Beauchamp abandoned her. Then, like an elastic-strung ball, the action retracts, pausing on its return journey to complete the unfinished scenes and solve the mystery when it reaches its starting point.

DONALD COOPER

Comedian/victim: MacNaughtan

The impact of this story depends largely on the invisibility of the characters. Beauchamp's tape-recorder is one essential property, enabling the playwright to put human life into rewind or fast forward. The 60-year span relies on the fact that voices outlast physique. In the figure of Sophie, Stoppard introduces a character as much in the dark as the audience.

In the scene of her suicide, she is left talking to herself, as ignorant as the listener of whether she is alone in the room. On Luscombe's stage, you see Donner (John Warnaby) making a stealthy exit, thus undermining the scene by going beyond its given limits and deflecting attention from her panic to his callous subterfuge.

However, it is hard to see how else the scene could be staged. Elsewhere Luscombe has brilliantly overcome the time obstacle by doubling the casting of the three men. The moment when the crumpled, bickering trio hand over to their spruce and hopeful younger selves invests the piece with a pathos that Stoppard may not have envisaged.

On a set (by Carl Toms) which seems to have been drawn, rather than built, by one of the inmates, Sarah Woodward lights up the memory scenes as a down-to-earth golden girl untouched by sentimental recollection. However, it is she old trio of Peter Copley, William Lucas and Alan MacNaughtan who pack the strongest emotional punch; comedians when we first meet them, tragic victims when time loops back.

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Why Mrs Thatcher may have to deal Britain the identity card to save us from the new barbarians

BARBARA AMIEL

Mrs Thatcher has referred the idea of identity cards for all of us to a committee of chief constables. They are said to be in favour of a voluntary card but unsure about a compulsory one, which would give them all sorts of enforcement headaches. Actually, what I would worry about, were I a chief constable, was best expressed in an old cabaret skit popular during the last years of Stalin.

The skit shows a security guard chatting to a worker arriving for his shift. The two, who have known each other for 30 years or so, exchange anecdotes about their children, wives and rheumatism. But, familiarity not withstanding, the worker has forgotten his identity card and is turned away. As soon as he leaves another fellow approaches pulling a toy American tank on a string and carrying a placard marked "Spy". "Papers?" asks the security guard in a bored fashion. The man pulls a document out of his star-spangled pocket and is admitted.

Foolproof devices, such as the mooted identity cards with their computer strips of information, may be counter-productive. Wrongdoing that could have been detected by ordinary police legwork may yield to a sort of technological laziness as police rely on computers to do the work for them. Perfectly respectable people may have difficulty getting into their jobs or streets on which they live because they have left their cards at home, while criminals flash forged ones.

Human beings, after all, are an ingenious lot. Intellectual and philosophical problems may faze us, but when the problem is overcoming some new advance in technology, we excel. There are only greater or lesser physical obstacles. This applies to good and bad humans equally, of course, but the criminal mind surmounts the barriers with amazing dexterity. I remember when North American police brought in X-band radar that fired in bursts and was thought to be impervious to radar detectors. It was only a matter of six months before drivers were installing the new radar busters in their cars.

The standard arguments against an identity card are familiar to most people and most of the arguments have some force. It is claimed that they strike at the heart of the free society and are a bad bargain to boot since they will not deter criminals. Civil libertarians also fear that as medical, employment and possibly tax and criminal records all become accessible to civil servants under one neat number, the identity card will be used to keep track of citizens. These arguments have raged in most of the EEC countries that have such cards (only Ireland, Holland, Denmark and the UK do not).

Still, there are sticky points to be faced by those of us who recoil from the identity cards. It is foolish to pretend that problems of hooliganism, opportunistic burglary, random violence and so on are not increasingly a part of our society. I suppose if one steps back and looks at the situation, it is clear that the problems we face are the natural outcome of this century's attempts to take the brakes off. The class system, for better or worse, ensured that people knew their place in society. All sorts of principles and beliefs, some of them buried very deeply in our being, used to govern people. They came up in everyday phrases. Some behaviour was "not a Christian thing to do", or "a gentleman wouldn't do that". But *noblesse oblige*, for example, cannot govern when there is little that is noble.

Once these restraints disappeared, the great question was finding something to replace them. When people are no longer held in check by the class system, the advances of 19th-century liberalism may leave us with laws that are inadequate to govern their behaviour. Chaos and anarchy threatened and the most obvious solution, unfortunately, was called statism in its many manifestations from identity cards on. This is the heart of our dilemma.

Of course, speaking for myself, I can't help but be relieved that the class system has lost its grip. In that society, people carried their identity cards not only in the clothes they wore on their backs but in the way they held a fork or the lines etched in their faces. Good riddance. But what is to replace it?

Britain's contemporary statism may have curbed the rights of whole classes of people from doctors to property owners, but I still prefer contemporary Britain to Edwardian times. Mrs Thatcher has rolled back some of the worst aspects of left-wing statism, such as confiscatory taxation but, alas, is now proposing to replace them either with the excesses of right-wing statism (identity cards) or those things on which the left and right agree, such as censorship. The perimeters for behaviour have been disassembled in the 20th century as we changed the nature of the family and the grip of the class system. But perimeters are like a vessel – unless you have them it is not easy to drink.

I suppose, in the end, all one can ask is that people be fully informed of the costs and benefits of policy and make up their minds what they wish to sacrifice. That is what I always liked about Churchill: he promised nothing but blood, sweat and tears and the British people agreed the bargain was worth it. We need some controls today or life is filled with skinheads and hooligans and the petty crime that makes social existence very hard indeed.

Mrs Thatcher seems to think she can resuscitate some of the old restraints, such as family and peer values, and I can only wish her luck. But my own feeling is that once certain things are gone they are finished and we have to play out the string.

From classism to statism does not seem that much of a bargain to me, but if a society is free and informed of the cost, ultimately one can only bow one's head in submission as the policy choices are made – or emigrate.

Red Square to the quad

HARRY KERR

Ambassadors of *glasnost*: Juras Banys, Olga Beloded and Dmitri Subbotin exploring Oxford, their stepping stone to success at home in the Soviet Union

Three Soviet students have settled down to college life at Oxford – debates and boat club included, reports Anne McElvoy

Juras Banys, Olga Beloded and Dmitri Subbotin are all agreed on their first impressions of Oxford University: "Drunk students everywhere". To be seen drunk on campus at a Soviet university, they say, would be the end of one's university career.

Glasnost came to the Cherwell in October when the first group of nine Soviet students arrived for a year's research, having survived selection from a huge number of applicants, a rigorous interview with Oxford academics in Moscow, and the intricacies of Soviet bureaucracy.

It seemed unlikely when the scheme was launched this February by George Soros, a Hungarian-born American businessman, that it would get off the ground the same year, but an appeal by Sir Geoffrey Howe and a summer thaw in Moscow's relations with Britain precipitated the students' October arrival.

Olga, from Kiev, is a student of English linguistics at Lady Margaret Hall. Her fluent English and positive manner are the hallmarks of five years spent in New York, where her father was a United Nations delegate. Her parents were delighted that she was coming to Oxford. The others said that their relatives' enthusiasm had been tinged with worry that they would be so far away and fears that Britain was violent.

Dmitri studied economic planning at Moscow University, but since he arrived at New College he has strayed into the more capitalist realm of management and business studies. He has discovered rowing and the college bar, where his dead-pan wit ensures him an audience.

American and Canadian students are easier to get to know than the British, he finds. "When you are introduced to a British person, they say 'Nice to meet you, my name is. . .' and that's the end. Americans always start up a conversation, even if it is just to tell you how great America is – but it's a start."

Dmitri also has a sharp eye for the ideological differences that pervade academia. "When we have lectures here, the accent is always on productivity and technological know-how. They don't discuss whether this way is good, whether it is bad, just does it work and how do you do it."

The Soviet economy, Dmitri says, is in dire need of such pragmatism, and Gorbachov's *perestroika will enable it to* change from the centralized rigidity of the Seventies to a new, more flexible basis of *financial accountability*.

"You can see most things from the top of a mountain, but you must also be able to *take decisions further down*, and that means redistributing power." He is clearly confident of a future at the *forefront* of such changes.

Some of his ideas would receive a standing ovation at the Conservative Party conference, an idea which he dismisses with a wave of the hand: "If people work less hard, they should receive less wages. There must be encouragement if we are to compete economically."

Juras is a research physicist from Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, and is currently at Christ Church studying phase transitions. For non-physicists he adds, trying to be helpful: "Lattice dynamics and soft modes." He has the sombre mien and glasses which abound among his physicist peers and is softly spoken, given to sudden excited outbursts, mostly about phase transitions. Only the Lithuanian accent betrays that he is not a Northern grammar school boy. He thinks Christ Church is one of the best colleges, and enjoys formal hall and wearing a gown. But he adds mournfully: "If I get one more question about what is happening in the Baltic republics. . ."

Olga recently visited the Oxford Union and had her first introduction to public schoolboys. "I went to a debate and heard all of these very young men in suits speaking and I just thought: 'My God, these people are undergraduates – they must have some really great background to be able to present themselves like this' "

Oxford and Cambridge were known to them as names from their schooldays. "We always read that you had to be in the upper classes and very rich to come here and that it was only for an elite, but I think it is only an intellectual elitism here," says Olga.

Were Soviet students ready for Gorbachov's reforms?

"They were starving for him," Olga says. "The ideas that ferment in your head can be quite different to the ideas that you are taught. It is much more difficult for those who lived under Stalin to adjust to the new ways. They always insist that life was very good then. It wasn't like that with Brezhnev at all."

All three are supporters of the reforms, critical too of their own lack of commitment and political timidity. "We are quiet supporters. Much talking, less doing. I am afraid my friends and I all fall into this group," Dmitri says.

In Lithuania, according to Juras, everyone will tell you that they are for reform even if they harbour secret doubts or outright animosity. "It is the new Soviet problem," he says. "You never know whether reform is on their tongues or in their hearts."

The students recently met Sir Geoffrey Howe, who had speeded their passage through the labyrinths of Moscow bureaucracy. "It was a very nice tea," says Olga casually. Sir Geoffrey talked to Juras about the Baltic Republics. Everybody does. "Since I arrived two months ago the Communist Party secretary has changed in Vilnius and the Lithuanian Communist Party's policies have changed. Already, you can do a lot of things without going through Moscow, but we want to do more alone, politically and economically. For the first time, Lithuania has a future."

They regard the student protests which are an integral part of British university life with wry good humour. Juras says that in the Baltic republics now, students are at the forefront of the protests and are the real revolutionaries.

"They're not very revolutionary here," Olga interjects. "It's more like 'Let's go to a demo and see our friends'."

"A game for a few years," says Dmitri. "It helps that British students live away from home, which *is* not normal in the Soviet Union. It's difficult to demonstrate if you have to go back to your parents' *flat*."

Olga thinks it is good that students try to influence the Government, "but when Mrs Thatcher gets something into her head, they can bump their heads on her door for ever and it won't help."

She has tried to follow British politics without much success. "The debates just sound crazy to us, more like squabbling. We can't relate very well to that sort of politics. It's a cultural as well as an ideological divide. You might try to treat British friends as Russians, but at some stage it doesn't work."

They will return to the Soviet Union next year to prepare their theses for the prestigious Candidate of Sciences examination. Afterwards, Olga and Juras will continue research and Dmitri hopes to go to a ministry or the state bank. If Gorbachov's train of progress and intellectual candour stays on the rails, their future is bright. Olga is already a party member, Dmitri and Juras hope to join. For ideological or career reasons?

"It is simple. All of the good academics I know are in the party. That is the way to change things," says Dmitri. "The party *is a little bit like* Oxford – how do you say it? – 'The cream of the cream'."

ON MONDAY: the Bishop of London talks to Barbara Amiel

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **CANDIDE:** Christmas treat: Leonard Bernstein's tune-packed musical, part opera, part Broadway; with Mark Beudert, Marilyn Hill Smith, Nickolas Grace.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm; mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. £6-£19. (D)

☆ **MRS KLEIN:** Transfer from NT of Nicholas Wright's engrossing play about parentage and childhood, as found in the home life of Melanie Klein. Superb performances by Gillian Barge, Zoe Wanamaker, Francesca Annis.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave W1 (01-437 2663). Tube Piccadilly Circus. Tonight 8-10 10pm. Press night Dec 13, 7-9 10pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10 10pm. Mats Sat 4.30-6.40pm. £5-£14.50.

☆ **ORPHEUS DESCENDING:** Opening production of the Peter Hall Company: Vanessa Redgrave, Julie Covington, Jean Marc Barr in revival of Tennessee Williams's first play.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Preview tonight 7.30pm. Press night Dec 13, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm; Mats on Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 2.30pm. £4-£15. (D)

☆ **THE RELAPSE:** Roy Marsden and Kate O'Mara in British Actors Theatre revival of Vanbrugh's popular romp.
Mermaid Theatre, *Puddle Dock, EC4* (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.50pm, mats Thurs 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 4-6.20pm. Sat Dec 31 only, perfs 5-7.20pm and 8-10.20pm. Mon-Thurs and mats: £8.50-£12.50; Fri and Sat eves £10-£14.50. (D)

★ **SMELLING A RAT:** New Mike Leigh comedy devised with the help of the cast who include Saskia Reeves and Timothy Spall.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Press night tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 8pm; Mats Sat 4.30pm and Wed Dec 28 only, 3pm. Press night £8; Mons £5; Tues-Fri and Sat mats £6.50; Sat eves £7.50. (D)

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ★ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

BRIGHTON: ☆ **Time and the Conways:** Carmen Silvera, Richard Warwick, Polly James in touring production of Priestley's time classic.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 28488), Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, mats Thurs 2.30pm and Sat 5pm, £4-£9.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Macbeth:** David Threlfall and Frances Barber in powerful death-camp production by Braham Murray.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, and Sat 4pm, £2.80-£10.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
⊠ Advance booking possible

■ **AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG):** Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, set in a provincial boarding school in the last months of the Second World War. Gaspard Manesse heads the young, non-professional cast (107 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30 (not Sun), 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **BIG (PG):** Tom Hanks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal comedy from Hollywood. Penny Marshall directs. (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.40, 7.10, 9.30.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.15, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.45.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker as the legendary jazz saxophonist. (161 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs 3.30, 7.45. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

■ **COLORS (18):** Vivid crime drama from director Dennis Hopper; with Sean Penn and Robert Duvall as Los Angeles cops of clashing temperaments, assigned to the Crash unit. (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.30, 6.40, 9.25.
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 2.00, 4.20, 7.05, 10.00.

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861/8606). Progs 1.00 (not Sun), 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.05 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.30, 9.00. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Screen on Baker St (01-935 2772). Progs 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.

■ **GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):** Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.25.

Images of Lawrence

The centenary of the birth of T.E. Lawrence is being marked at the National Portrait Gallery with an exhibition which is claimed to be the most comprehensive ever mounted on his life and achievements. Contemporary portraits by Augustus John are being shown alongside the 1939 plaster effigy by Eric Kennington (below). A painting by Sir William Rothenstein, on loan from the National Museum in Belgrade, has not been seen in Britain since the 1920s.

Also on display for the first time in 60 years are original illustrations commissioned by Lawrence for *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* by artists including Kennington, William Roberts and Blair Hughes-Stanton. Lawrence's time in the Middle East is evoked in portraits and landscapes, including Augustus John's study of the Emir Feisal, to whom Lawrence became liaison officer in 1916. But the exhibition is not just a picture gallery. Lawrence's personal effects are there as well – his Arab robes, his photographs, maps, manuscripts and film memorabilia. One of the most poignant exhibits is the Brough SS100 motorcycle on which he had his fatal accident near his home at Clouds Hill in Dorset in 1935. *Lawrence of Arabia* is at the National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552). £2.50, concessions £1.50, family ticket £6. Monday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 2-6pm. Closed December 24-26 and January 1. From today until March 12. ***Peter Waymark***

Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45 (not Sun), 3.20, 5.55, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

HIGH SPIRITS (15): Spirited supernatural comedy from director Neil Jordan, with Peter O'Toole as the owner of a decrepit Irish castle advertised as haunted. (92 min).
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.20, 8.55. Late Fri, Sat 11.45.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Engaging comedy-thriller, with Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a sensitive bail-jumping accountant cross-country. With Charles Grodin; directed by Martin Brest (126 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20. Late Fri, Sat midnight.

■ **SCROOGED (PG):** Seasonal comedy featuring Bill Murray as the TV executive determined to exploit Christmas to the full. Directed by Richard Donner. (101 min).
Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00. Late Fri, Sat 11.30.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15. Late Fri, Sat 11.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861). Progs 1.00 (not Sun), 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG): Energetic mixture of cartoons and real life. Ace animation director, Richard Williams supplies a frantic array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe, Eddie Valiant. (104 min).
Barbican (01-638 8891). Progs 6.00, 8.15 (not Sat, Sun).
Odeon Leicester Sq (01-930 6111). Progs 10.15, 12.45, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50, 11.45.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45. Mats Sat, Sun 11.15am.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.40, 7.10, 9.30.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 1.55 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 7.00, 8.55. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

WILLOW (PG): Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infant princess. Directed by Ron Howard: with Val Kilmer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Davis. (126 min).
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40. Late Fri, Sat 11.30.

Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.05. Late Fri, Sat 10.50.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.05.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (-) Who Framed Roger Rabbit
2 (1) A Fish Called Wanda
3 (2) Scrooged
4 (4) Bird
5 (3) Colors
6 (6) Midnight Run
7 (5) Big
8 (8) Good Morning, Vietnam
9 (7) Au Revoir Les Enfants
10 (9) U2 – Rattle and Hum
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Scrooged
2 A Fish Called Wanda
3 Big
4 Buster
5 Good Morning Vietnam
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UNITED STATES:
1 (-) The Naked Gun
2 (1) Scrooged
3 (-) Tequila Sunrise
4 (2) The Land Before Time
5 (3) Oliver & Company
6 (5) Ernest Saves Christmas
7 (6) Child's Play
8 (4) Cocoon – The Return
9 (8) The Accused
10 (7) High Spirits
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Robocop
2 Predator
3 ET
4 Three Men and a Baby
5 The Untouchables
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London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£9. (D)

☆ **IN CHAMBER:** City of London Chamber Orchestra under Christopher Zimmerman in a programme of Rossini, Mendelssohn and Manzoni.
St George's, Hanover Square, London W1 (01-379 6722), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

OPERA

☆ **THE MAKING OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLANET 8:** Sluggish production and platitudinizing libretto by Doris Lessing do little to make Philip Glass's flabby attempt at a "green" opera an attractive proposition.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

CONCERTS

☆ **STILL DISINCLINED:** Emanuel Ax as soloist in Schoenberg's Piano Concerto with the RPO under Andre Previn.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.35pm, £4-£20. (D)

☆ **MESSIAEN, MI, MOURET:** Matthias Bamert conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Messiaen's *Poemes pour Mi*, Mouret's Suite No 1, then co-opts the Scottish National Chorus and soloists for Durufle's Requiem.
Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.70-£11.50. (D)

★ **HANDEL'S MESSIAH:** Soloists, Choir and Orchestra of St John's, Smith Sq, under the baton of John Lubbock.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £5-£12.

☆ **MAINLY CONCERTOS:** David Josefowitz conducts the London Soloists' Chamber Orchestra in Haydn's Horn Concerto No 1 (soloist, Stephen Stirling), Mozart's Violin Concerto No 3 (Elizabeth Layton), Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 (Hugh Tinney) and Schubert's Symphony No 4 "Tragic."
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank,

JAZZ

BOBBY WATSON: The ex-Blakey alto player appears with the Alex Shaw Trio.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 8.30pm, £6.50 reserved.

HUMPHREY LYTTELTON: Another old master, celebrating his 40th year as a bandleader.
The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 583928), 8.15pm, £4-£6.

DANCE

☆ **ORPHEO IN A NIGHTOWN:** New work for Inel Dance Company, telling the obvious story to reggae music.
The Place, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-9.30 pm, £5.

☆ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Bryony Brind in the Royal Ballet's production.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£37.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486), 7.30-9.30 pm, £5-£17.

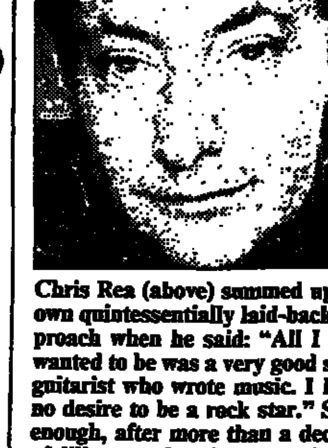
ROCK

☆ **BILL WITHERS:** Dry-voiced singer and composer of "Ain't No Sunshine" and "Lean on Me" as well as of "Lovely Day", the well known Ford Fiesta jingle.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline St, London W4 (01-748 4081), 7.30pm, £7.50-£9.50.

☆ **THE POGUES:** Goofy Shane MacGowan and his Booze Brothers with their moonshine blend of post-punk folk.
SECC, Finnieston St, Glasgow (041 204 2220), 7.30pm, £8.50. (D)

☆ **IGGY POP:** The wondrously rejuvenated godfather of punk.
Cardiff University, Park Place (0222 396421), 8pm, £6. (D)

☆ **CHRIS REA:** See caption.
Whitley Bay Ice Rink, Hillheads Rd (091 252 6240), 7.30pm, £10.50. (D)



Chris Rea (above) summed up his own quintessentially laid-back approach when he said: "All I ever wanted to be was a very good slide guitarist who wrote music. I have no desire to be a rock star." Sure enough, after more than a decade of diligent and patient attention to detail, the retiring, gruff-voiced performer from Middlesborough, who did not pick up a guitar until he was 22, has arrived without fuss or fanfare at the top of his chosen profession. His British tour starts tonight at Whitley Bay (see listing) with a charity concert in aid of Barnardos.

GALLERIES

GRAHAM FOSTER: Bizarre recent paintings and sculptures constructed from oddments and scraps.
Dean Clough Art Gallery, Halifax (0422 45631), Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-12pm, free, until Jan 7.

GILLIAN AYRES: Recent works on paper.
Knoedler Gallery, 22 Cork St, London, W1 (01-439 1096). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Jan 14.

CHRISTMAS SHOW: Inexpensive drawings and watercolours by members of the Royal Societies of Painters in Watercolour and Painter-Etchers and Engravers.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton St, London SE1 (01-928 7521), Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until Dec 21.

OTHER EVENTS

KATHERINE MANSFIELD AND THE ELEPHANT: Exhibition about the life and work of the New Zealand writer, who in her short life – born 1888 died 1929 – scandalised English society but did much for the short story. "The elephant" refers to the house in Hampstead.
The Hampstead Museum, Burgh House, New End Square, London NW3 (01-431 0144). Until December 18, Wed-Sun, noon-5pm.

PLATFORM PERFORMANCE: WHAT TO DO YOU IF YOU FORGET YOUR LINES: Unusual one-man performance with Ken Campbell who is currently directing the National Theatre's children's show.
Cottesloe Theatre, National Theatre, London SE1, 6pm. Tickets £2 (Box office 01-928 2252).

DINKY TOY PREVIEW: Opportunity to view 687 lots of dinky toys – possibly the most comprehensive collection ever to appear at auction – with virtually every model produced between 1934 and 1964 represented. Sale next Wed, Dec 14 at 11am.
The Collectors Sale Room, Phillips West Two, 10 Salem Rd, London W2. Tomorrow, Mon and Tues 9am-5pm. (Further information 01-221 5303.)

WALKS

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS IN THE OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (01-504 9159).

DICKENS'S PHANTOM STEPS: meet Temple tube, 3pm, £2.50.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

PINNOCCHIO: King's Singers give world premiere of work specially commissioned from Andrew Pryce, based on Carlo Collodi's story and Walt Disney film. Dec 21/22.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LAST CHANCE

SWAN SONGS: Final concert in Schubert/Mendelssohn series includes programme of last works by two composers who both died tragically young. Songmakers' Almanac. Tomorrow.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141).

TURNER AT FARNLEY: Watercolours for *Book of Birds*, made by Turner for Fawkes family at Farnley, Yorkshire. Ends tomorrow.
Tate, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Stephanie Billen; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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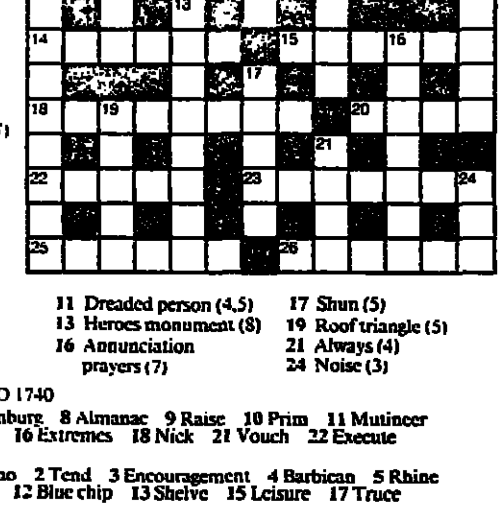

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1 Dark red (6)
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9 Colouring substance (7)
10 Paddle boat (5)
11 Major part (4)
12 Prayer chair (4-4)
14 Sikh headdress (6)
15 Anti-aircraft fire (3-3)
18 Refusal (8)
20 Seaweed carbohydrate (4)
22 Inspire (5)
23 Disabled person (7)
25 Actors go out (6)
26 Jail (6)

DOWN
1 Toasting vessel (3)
2 Normal (7)
3 Trunk (4)
5 Loosen grasp (8)
6 Boredom (5)
7 Cave explorer (9)
8 "Baby bringer" (5)
11 Dreaded person (4,5)
13 Heroes monument (8)
16 Annunciation prayers (7)
17 Shun (5)
19 Roof triangle (5)
21 Always (4)
24 Noise (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1740
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

OLIPHANT
(b) Margaret Oliphant, née Wilson, a prolific and genial novelist (1828-97), whose best known books are in "The Chronicles of Carlingford" sequence, issued anonymously between 1863 and 1876.

EARWICKER
(a) Humphrey Chimpden Earwicker, the protagonist of Joyce's *Finnegans Wake*. Literally a middle-aged Irish tavern keeper with a guilty conscience, Earwicker also represents all sinful mankind. His initials HCE are interwoven throughout the book.

TOMKIS
(b) Thomas Tomkis (?1580-?1634), Fellow of Trinity Cambridge, and author of two famous university comedies, *Lingua, or the Combat of the Tongue and the Five Senses for Superiority* (1607) and *Albumazar* (a rascally wizard), which was acted before James I.

PURSEWARDEN
(b) A character in *The Alexandria Quartet* by Lawrence Durrell: in *Balthazar* he commits suicide.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The above position is taken from the game between Janowsky (White) and Samisch (Black) played in Marienbad 1925. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qxh7+ (1 Kxh7 2Rh5+ Kg8 3Ng6 mates)

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"A TRIUMPH" Daily Mirror
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"THRILLING" Financial Times
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THE PLAYHOUSE

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 8800. Tonight at 7.30pm: Brighton Festival Chorus. Andre Previn, Emanuel Ax, Arleen Auger, John Shirley-Quirk. Schoenberg: Piano Concerto Op 42. Brahms: Requiem.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 Planet 8. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 The Mikado.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 928 8800 (Credit cards accepted) LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER 26 Dec - 14 Jan. Tickets £5-£17.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't, Tomor 7.30. Tomor Mat 2.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815.

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AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Seats sometimes available - Call Today!

APOLLO THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave. Box Office & C.C. 01-437 2663. Agents CC (no bkg fee) 01-741 9999 / 379 4444 & CC (with bkg fee) 240 7200 Eves 8.00. Sat 4.30 & 8.00 Previews Ton't & Tomor Opens Monday at 7.00 FRANCESCA ANNIS GILLIAN BARGE ZOE WANAMAKER NATIONAL THEATRE production of MRS KLEIN by NICHOLAS WRIGHT Directed by PETER GILL "WITHOUT DOUBT THE MOST FASCINATING PLAY OF THE YEAR" City Limits.

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 FIFTH HIT YEAR! STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tue mats NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '89

ARTS S 836 2132. CC 379 4444 24 hrs, 7 days (no bkg fee) Hull Truck in John Godber's TEECHERS "TALES OUT OF SCHOOL" Gdn "class warfare, teacher tantrums, sex and the shortcomings of the state system ...MARVELLOUSLY FUNNY" Times TEECHERS "Where the pupils get through teachers at approximately the same rate as cups of coffee" TES Mon-Thur 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9 Stud-, UB40's, Snr.Cits £1 50 off 1 hr before perf.

BOULEVARD Walkers Court W1 off Peter St. 01-434-1238 COWARDY CUSTARD A review on the life of Noel Coward. Dec 8-Jan 14, Mon-Sat 7.45 Sat mat 4 Tickets £6.50 £8 WICKED LIPS Fri-Sat 10.45pm £7

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc THE RSC'S ACCLAIMED PRODUCTION THE WIZARD OF OZ "MOST MARVELLOUS SHOW" Times rtns 17 DEC - 14 JAN. BOOK NOW!

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY TON'T 7.30, TOMOR 2.00 & 7.30. Low price all perfs £5-£10! THE CHURCHILL PLAY by Howard Brenton. "REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT" F Times THE PIT Ton't 7.30, tomor 2.00 & 7.30 A QUESTION OF GEOGRAPHY by John Berger & Nella Bielski ELECTRA by Sophocles - opens 14 Dec.

COMEDY THEATRE Panton St. SW1 01-930 2578 ALEC GUINNESS "Masterly" F.T. EDWARD HERRMANN "Fascinating" Standard in A WALK IN THE WOODS by LEE BLESSING "Polished, witty, & humane" Gdn "Ronald Eyre's elegant production" Gdn Evgs Tues-Sat 8.00 Mats Wed at 3.00 Sats at 4.00 cc First Call 7 day 24-hr 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) CCTB 01-741 9999 (Bkg Fee)

CRITERION S 867 1117 CC 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113 Eves 8. Thu mat 2.30, Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company TERRY SCOTT COLIN BAKER BILL PERTWEE JACQUELINE CLARKE HELEN GILL SAM COX DAVID MASTERMAN NICHOLAS BAILEY RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2400 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

DOMINION (01) 580 9562 CC 24 hr (no bkg fee) 01 379 4444/741 9999 JIM DAVIDSON in LONDONS ALLSTAR PANTOMIME CINDERELLA with SHERRIE HEWSON GEORGE SEWELL Opens Dec 17th for 5 wks.

CAMBRIDGE 379 5299 cc no bkg fee 741 9999/24hr bkg fee 240 7200/379 4444 Groups 930 6123 ADAM FAITH ANITA DOBSON BUDGIE The Musical "A FIVE MINUTE OVATION AND A CHORUS OF CHEERS" Std Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 867 1111 379 4444 CHEEK BY JOWL in THE TEMPEST Eves 7.30. Mat Tomor 2.30. Next Week PHILOCTETES by Sophocles. MUST END JAN 7.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET WINNER OF THREE MAJOR 'BEST MUSICAL' AWARDS 1984 Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 01 930 6123 BOOK NOW FINAL GLITTERING MONTHS MUST END JAN 89

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444. Grps 836 3123 TOM STOPPARD'S ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30

FORTUNE 836 2238 CC 741 9999 First Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Eves 8.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 SOLD OUT SEATS FROM JAN 9 MAUREEN LIPMAN in RE: JOYCE! Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL with Denis King Directed by Alan Strachan

FORTUNE THEATRE 01 836 6260 Pied Piper Theatre Company in THE ENCHANTED TOYSHOP Christmas Show ideal for 3-9 yr olds All tickets £3.

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999, First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3pm GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN in LETTICE AND LOVAGE By PETER SHAFFER with MORAY WATSON Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY '88 E.Std Award

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days 741 9999/379 4444 open all hours (no bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 Mon to Fri 8pm Mat Tues 3pm Sat 5pm & 8.15pm NOEL COWARD'S COMEDY EASY VIRTUE "...a triumph" D.Mail "Not to be missed" S.Tel "Hilarious" S.Exp MUST END JANUARY 7

GARRICK 01 379 6107 cc 01 240 7200 MARIA AITKEN RUPERT EVERETT NOEL COWARD'S THE VORTEX Prevs 19 Jan Opens 26 Jan

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 THE WOMAN IN WHITE by Melissa Murray based on the novel by Wilkie Collins.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 Mike Leigh's SMELLING A RAT Opens Ton't 7pm. Sub Eves Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 4.30 & 8pm.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-930 9832 cc 1st Call 24hr 7 day 01-240 7200 (Bkg Fee) & Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) VANESSA REDGRAVE in ORPHEUS DESCENDING by Tennessee Williams Directed by Peter Hall Now Previewing. Opens Tuesday at 7.00. Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30

HER MAJESTYS Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 New booking period (Postal applications only) June-Sept 30 '89 Queue daily for returns

LILIAN BAYLIS THEATRE SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24hr 7 days 240 7200 Eleanor Bron in THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT By Jean Giraudoux. LAST THREE PERFS. Ton't 7.45, Tomor 3pm & 7.45. SCHOOL FOR CLOWNS From Thurs Dec 15.

LONDON PALLADIUM From 21 December ALLO ALLO with the TV Stars "IT'S ALL SAUCE AT THE CAFE OF LAUGHS" Daily Express. Box Office & CC 01-437 7373 Agents CC with Bkg Fee, First call 24hr/7 day 01-240 7200 & CC no Bkg Fee CCTB 01-741 9999/ Open All Hours 01-379 4444 Group Sales 01-930 6123

LYRIC 01 437 3686 01 434 1550 cc 01 434 1050/734 5166/741 9999 24 hr cc 379 4444/836 3464 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BRIAN RIX "Master Farceur" D Mail "Returns in his SMASH HIT" Tms DRY ROT "A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!" D Mail "A Corking Evening Out" D Mir Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5 LAST 5 WEEKS OF SEASON!

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 NO PERFORMANCES TODAY. Tomorrow 4.00pm 7.45 ASYLUM by Paul Kember. Cast includes Sarah Miles. LAST PERFORMANCES. STUDIO: 8pm ATC present THE ILLUSION.

MAYFAIR December 12 to 31 SOOTY'S XMAS SHOW. SORRY SOLD OUT! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 741 9999 Open All Hours 379 4444 (no bkg fee) ROY MARSDEN KATE O'MARA in Vanbrugh's Comedy THE RELAPSE Eves 7.30 Mats Thur 2.30 & Sat 4

NATIONAL THEATRE SBI Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Grps 01 620 0741 Agencies, bkg fee: 240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER Today 2.00, Tomor 10.30 & 2.00 THE MAGIC OLYMPICAL GAMES, a Christmas Show for children by Graeme Garden. Ton't & Tomor 7.15 BARTHOLOMEW FAIR by Ben Jonson. LYTTELTON Ton't 7.45, Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 THE SECRET RAPTURE new play by David Hare. Ton't 6.15, Tomor Noon MOUNTAIN LANGUAGE new short play by Harold Pinter. COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 THE FATHER new play by August Strindberg. Cheap seats day of perfs all theatres from 10am

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS SEATS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 1989 MON TO THURS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 89

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30, Wed Mat 2.30, Sat Mat 4.00 & 7.45 CANDIDE The Musical "A JOY TO WATCH...JONATHAN MILLER DIRECTS WITH REAL STAGING VISION" Independent. "BERNSTEIN'S SCORE IS RAVISHING" Guardian. "DECIDEDLY ENJOYABLE AND MOVING PIECE OF MUSICAL THEATRE" Daily Telegraph. "A FRESH MASTERPIECE" Times. Now Booking for Christmas

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT '89

PHOENIX THEATRE 01-836 2294 cc 01-240 9661 or 01-741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) also 01-240 7200/01-379 4444 (Bkg Fee) Until January 7 DEREK JACOBI "...hypnotises his audience with the power and diversity of a great performance" Std ... "His among the great interpreters of this role" D Mail in RICHARD II by William Shakespeare Directed by Clifford Williams Evgs. 7.30 Mats Thurs and Sat 2.00pm From January 11 RICHARD III

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200 (24hr)/741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 A new Musical METROPOLIS Prevs 16 Feb Opens 1 March

PLAYHOUSE 839 4401 cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) JACKIE MASON'S THE WORLD ACCORDING TO ME! Performances from February 7 FOR 6 WEEKS ONLY!

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE Box Office 01-839 4401, cc with booking fee 01-240 7200/741 9999/379 4444. Eves 7.30. Wed Mat 2.00, Sats 4.00 & 8.00 "ARTHUR MILLER'S thrilling version of" Obs AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE "IT BLAZES LIKE A FOREST FIRE" Sunday Times BEST SEATS £10! WED MATS £5!

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123 Eve 7.30 Mat Thur/Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek OVER 1000 PERFORMANCES!

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 8972 CC 24hr (with bkg fee) 836 3464/379 6131 (open all hrs) ASPECTS OF LOVE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S New Musical Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Opens April 12 1989

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC BEST MUSICAL 1988 Drama Magazine "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Express "TERRIFIC" Times "A Great Musical" S Times Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 01 836 1226 MUST END JAN 14 PRIOR TO NATIONAL TOUR

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 741 9999/379 4444 24hr 7day cc 836 3464 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 TONY BRITTON GWEN WATFORD BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT by JEFFREY ARCHER "BRILLIANT" Press Assoc. "A TRIUMPH" D Exp IN ITS 2ND YEAR! Mon-Sat 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA 1958 - 1988. Now celebrating 30 SENSATIONAL YEARS at the world's centre of erotic entertainment.

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888 cc 836 0479/379 6219 741 9999 (no bkg fee) CC 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 MICKEY ROONEY ANN MILLER in SUGAR BABIES "SHEER MAGIC — SHEER UNREPEATABLE MAGIC" D Mail Eves 8 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30 (Fr Jan 2 Mon-Fri 7.30 Mats Thur 2.30 Sat 2.30 & 8.00) Limited Engagement. Book Now!

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE Box Office 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) cc 741 9999 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 ONLY 9 WEEKS TO SEE! JULIA McKENZIE MILLICENT MARTIN DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & EARTHA KITT FOLLIES "After 14 months Follies remains THE BEST MUSICAL in London" Gdn. "Musicals don't come any more adult or any better" Time Out. 'A HEAVENLY SHOW' Mail on Sunday Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. MUST END FEB 4 PRIOR TO U. S. PRODUCTION

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 37TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND cc 836 2660/4143/5190 cc 836 3464 741 9999 379 4444 Groups 240 7941 Eves 7.45, Wed & Sat Mats 3pm COLE PORTER'S CAN-CAN "COULD HARDLY BE DONE BETTER... GREAT FUN!" Daily Mail DONNA McKECHNIE "IS TERRIFIC" Ind MILO O'SHEA BERNARD ALANE "IF I WAS GOING FOR A JOLLY GOOD EVENING OUT I'D GO TO CAN-CAN" Kaleidoscope NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '89

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office and cc (0789) 295623 Royal Shakespeare Company at RST. THE PLANTAGENETS: Richard III Tonight. Tomor 7.30. Edward IV Tomor 3.00. Henry VI Tomor 10.30am. Wed 7.30. The Tempest Mon, Tue 7.30. Swan Theatre. Restoration Tonight. Wed 7.30. The Man Of Mode Mat Tomor 1.30. Mon, Tue 7.30. The Constant Couple Tomor 7.30. The Other Place. King John. The Love of The Nightingale and Across Oka. Meal/ticket/hotel package (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE cc 836 9987/5645 741 9999 1st Call 836 3464 (Bkg Fee) Monday-Friday Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed 2.30 Sats 5.0 & 8.30 IAN McKELLEN JANE ASHER in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S new play HENCEFORWARD...

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317 "The Reel Thing" Standard LERNER & LOEWE'S BRIGADOON "Is the most joyously robust musical to be seen in the West-End ... NOT TO BE MISSED" Daily Exp CC (bkg fee) 836 2428/741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 Mon-Sat 7.30 Thur & Sat 2.30 THURS MATINEE HALF PRICE NOW BOOKING TO MAY 20

WESTMINSTER 834 0283/4 CC 834 0048 379 4444 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Two Narnian Plays: Today 2 & 6.30 Tomor 3 & 6.30 Mon 2 & 7.00. Tues. Wed. Thurs 10.30 & 2 THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW From 11 Jan THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE NOW BOOKING.

WHITEHALL 867 1119 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 "The Master's New Thriller" S.T. FRANCIS DURBRIDGE'S A TOUCH OF DANGER "Firecracker Of A Thriller" N of W Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

WYNDHAM'S THEATRE 01-867 1116 cc 01-867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grps 01-867 1113 "An Ideal Holmes" D. Tel JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE in THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES by Jeremy Paul "The best Holmes and Watson I have ever seen" Sunday Express "Both performances are of a high brilliance" Times Lit Supplement Directed by Patrick Garland Mon-Fri 8.00. Sats. 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Wed 3.00

ART GALLERIES

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt.Russell St. London WC1. CHRISTIANITY IN EASTERN EUROPE. Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun 2.30-6 Adm. Free.

CHANTAL CARRON paintings. Smith's of Covent Garden, Gallery 3, 33a Shelton St. WC2. 11-7pm. ends 10th Dec.

FINE ART SOCIETY, 148 New Bond St. W1. 01-629 5116. TOM HENNELL and HORATIO McCULLOCH.

LEFEVRE GALLERY, 30 Bruton Street, London W1. 01-493 2107. An Exhibition of Two Scottish Colourists, Peploe and Cadell. 24 Nov-16 Dec. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm.

LEGER, 13 Old Bond Street, 01-629 3538. Annual Watercolour Exhibition and "Flowers from a Scottish Garden" by Elizabeth Cameron. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30.

PARKIN GALLERY, 11 Motcomb St. SW1. 01-235 8144. CATS OF FAME & PROMISE - Louis Wain etc. Until Jan 5th.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, PICCADILLY W1. Recorded Info. 01-439 4996/7. Henry Moore Closes 11 December. Toulouse-Lautrec: The Graphic Works. Open daily 10-6 inc Sun (reduced rate Sun am)

ROY MILES GALLERY, 27 Berkeley Square, London W1. RUSSIAN PAINTINGS 1920-1988 Open Sunday 3-6, daily 10-7 ONLY GALLERY BUYING DIRECT FROM RUSSIA.

SCHUSTER GALLERY 14 Maddox St. W1. 01-491 2208. Prospects For Christmas Antique Topographical Prints from £20. Until 24th Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sat 10-1.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. DAVID HOCKNEY: A RETROSPECTIVE Sponsored by AT&T. Until 8 Jan. Adm. £3. Recorded info 01-821 7128. Open late on Weds until 19.50.

W H PATTERSON, 19 Albemarle St. London W1. Tel: 01-629 4119. EXHIBITION - recent works by members of the NEW ENGLISH ART CLUB until 20th Dec. Mon-Fri. 9.30-6. Sat 10-1

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 Miguel Pereira's VERONICO CRUZ (15) Progs 1.10 3.05 5.00 7.00 9.05.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Terence Davies' Highly acclaimed DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.45 5.10 7.10 9.10.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. LOUIS MALLE'S AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG) Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 3.45 6.20 8.50 "This is a film I urge you to see" Barry Norman Film '88.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 BARBARA HERSHEY in A WORLD APART (PG). Film at 1.45 (not Sun) 4.00 6.15 8.40

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. PERCY ADLON'S BAGDAD CAFE (PG). Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.45. "Wonderfully endearing" Tms. "The offbeat hit of the year" Time Out.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Clint Eastwood's BIRD (15) Progs 1.25 4.35 7.55 & Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 VINCENT (PG) The Life and Death of Vincent van Gogh Daily: 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET 839 7697 All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. TUCKER: THE MAN AND HIS DREAM (PG) Sep progs Daily 12.30 3.00 5.45 8.30.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE 930 6111 Info 930 4250 / 4259. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service. WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG) Sep progs Daily 12.45 3.30 6.10 8.50. Doors open 12.30 3.00 5.45 8.25. Matinee Sat 10.15am. Doors open 10.00am. Late Night Show Thu, Fri & Sat 11.45pm. Doors open 11.15pm.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH 723 2011 All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome. BIG (PG) Sep progs Daily 1.15 3.35 6.15 8.35.

ODEON WEST END Leicester Square 930 5252 All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 7615. 24 hour service. HIGH SPIRITS (15) Sep progs Daily 1.15 3.35 6.20 8.55. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.45pm.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (Russell Square Tube) 837 8402
1. Terence Davies's DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.15 5.10 7.10 9.10
2. Jane Russell's A TAKING WOMAN (18) Progs 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Jane Rackham and Greta Carslaw

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *I'll Build it Myself* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television offerings.
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on pre-menstrual tension problems.
10.00 News and weather, followed by **Going for Gold** (r).
10.25 Children's BBC starts with **Playbus. 10.50 Paddington** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.**
11.00 *News and weather, followed* by **Open Air.** The programme makers respond to viewers comments.
12.00 News and weather, followed by **Daytime Live.** Magazine series presented by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. Includes gardening tips for the weekend. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. *Daphne and Des* decide on a name for their baby; and Charlene gets upset with her new husband.
2.00 Film: Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949, b/w). One of the best-known Ealing comedies *features Alec Guinness as eight different characters who stand* between a social climber (Dennis Price) and the title of the Duke of Chalfont. Directed by Robert Hamer.
3.35 Cartoons (r).
3.50 Corners. Young people's questions answered by Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson. **4.05 Ewoks. 4.30 The Satellite Show. 5.00 Newsround.**
5.05 Record Breakers. Cheryl Baker meets the man with the world's most expensive car number plate.
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey.
6.30 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Joining Terry tonight are the actress Glenda Jackson, who will be discussing human rights, and actor Alan Bates, who will be talking about his involvement in the Aids charity, Crusaid. Plus Ron Howard, the former *Happy Days'* actor who has just directed *Willow*; and music from Jimmy Ruffin and Ruby Turner.
7.40 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests are Lionel Blair, Mark Curry, Lisa Maxwell, Mollie Sugden, Gillian Taylforth and Frankie Vaughan (Ceefax).
8.05 Films for Christmas. A preview of this year's offerings.
8.15 Twenty-one Years of the Two Ronnies. Sketches chosen by *Barker and Corbett* (r) (Ceefax).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Film: The Mean Machine (1974). Burt Reynolds stars as an jailed ex-football star who finds himself the victim of prison politics. Determined to get even he organizes a lethal football team to challenge the prison guards. Robert Aldrich directs.
11.30 Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine — Live! The pop singer with the Latin American sound returns to her home town for the final concert in her sell-out tour.
12.15 Film: Mr Wrong (1985). New Zealand thriller directed by Geylene Preston. Meg thinks she has a bargain when she buys an old Jaguar car but its dark history drives her to a near nervous breakdown. With Heather Botton and David Letch.
1.40 Weather, close.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax AM.
1.25 Pie in the Sky (r).
1.40 Unlucky Strike (b/w).
2.00 News and weather, followed by **Sport on Friday.** Includes racing from Cheltenham. Six-a-side soccer from Manchester; plus news of football fixtures, tennis, rallycross and snooker.
4.00 Catchword. Word game.
4.30 Favourite Things. Lady Antonia *Fraser talks about her most* cherished possessions (r).
5.00 Handmade. *Crafts magazine* meets jeweller Jane Adam and reports on dry stone walling.
5.30 Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: What a Carve Up (1961, b/w). Sidney James and Kenneth Connor star in a spoof horror story centred on a family gathering in a spooky house to hear the reading of a will. Directed by Pat Jackson.
7.30 Bilko (b/w) *Big Man Hunt* (r).
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. *Sir George Porter highlights the case* of Tarcisio Medina Charry, a *21-year-old student who, earlier* this year, became one of Columbia's "disappeared".
8.00 The Friday Report. Guy Michelmore reports on the progress of the Channel Tunnel and the effects it will have *on the environment and the* economy of the south east. (see Regional Variations).
8.30 First Time Garden. Items on barbeques and professional landscapers (Ceefax).
9.00 Entertainment USA visits Pittsburgh to meet Def Leppard.
9.30 Arena (see Choice).
10.30 Newsnight.
11.15 The Late Show with **Clive James.** *Discussing style and* design are Bernard Levin of *The Times*, the style journalist Stuart Cosgrove and Stephen Bayley, director of the Design Museum due to be opened in London next year.
12.05 Prisoners of Conscience (r).
12.10 Film: The Lady from Shanghai (1948, b/w). Thriller about a sailor who gets caught up in a *murder plot when he accompanies* a beautiful woman and her *husband on a cruise. Orson* Welles directs and stars with Rita Hayworth. Ends **1.45am.**

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6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **The Morning Programme** introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain. 8.00 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** which includes *Russell Grant's* horoscopes for the week ahead.
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by Lennie Bennett. **9.55 Thames news** and weather
10.00 The Time. . .The Place . . . On *the day the House of Commons* staff reveal who is the most romantic MP, *Mike Scott chairs a* discussion on romance and how people find it.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series includes items on popular crafts and dance. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55.**
12.10 Rainbow Learning with puppets (r).
12.30 Santa Barbara. Californian soap opera revolving round the lives of the powerful Capwell and Lockridge families.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville.
1.20 Thames News and weather.
1.30 Joe Brown's East End. *The* singer continues his tour of the East End looking at the developments that have transformed the place he was brought up in. Today he visits the Isle of Dogs and talks to local people about what they think of their changed neighbourhood *and how they see their future.*
2.00 The Bill. Omnibus edition (r).
2.55 Snooker. Coverage of the second semifinal in the Everest World Matchplay from Brentford in Essex.
3.25 Thames News and weather.
3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial. Wayne's plot has embarrassing results for him and dangerous ones for Susan.
4.00 Crush a Grape with special guests Keith Harris, Orville and Cuddles. **4.30 Scooby Doo** (r).
4.45 Freetime visits New York to meet some softball players, and *checks out a survival holiday in* Shropshire.
5.10 Snooker Update.
5.15 Blockbusters. Teenage general knowledge quiz.
5.45 News (Oracle).
6.00 LWT News.
6.15 Friday Now. Investigations and consumer stories including the *real-life Ghostbusters*, and national soccer identity cards.
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis.
7.30 A Kind of Living. Domestic comedy series with Frances De La *Tour and Richard Griffiths.*
8.00 Beauty and the Beast. Vincent *recalls some painful childhood* experiences when his long-lost "brother" *returns to visit the* labyrinth below the city.
9.00 Taggart. *In the last of the* three-part thriller, the Scottish policeman has his best clue yet in his investigation of a brutal murder. Starring Mark McManus (r) (Oracle).
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall.
10.30 LWT News and weather.
10.35 The London Programme reports on two aspects of the new *Housing Act. Under it private* landlords will be able to buy local authority estates, but there are some council tenants who have discovered a way to turn the act to their advantage.
11.05 Snooker. Dickie Davies introduces further coverage of the second semifinal.
12.30 Throb. *American sitcom about* a record company.
1.00 Night Network. Includes interviews with Jeff Healey, a Canadian guitar virtuoso, and with Jonathon Porrit of the Friends of the Earth; plus guests *Rupert Graves, Andy Bell, Petula* Clark and Boy Meets Girl. Live music is from Midge Ure.
4.00 Baseball '88. Los Angeles Dodgers versus Oakland Athletics.
5.00 Morning News. Ends **6.00am.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 The Parliament Programme.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 On Course. Magazine series for Open College users.
2.00 Film: Twelve O'Clock High (1949, b/w). Second World War *drama starring Gregory Peck* as an American commander who is cracking up under the strain of heavy losses of men and aircraft. Henry King directs.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 Mork and Mindy. American cult comedy series (r).
5.30 Redbrick. Portrait of life at *Newcastle University* (r) (Oracle).
6.00 Faerie Tale Theatre. First in an *American series dramatizing well-*known fairy stories. Today Little Red Riding Hood.
7.00 Channel 4 News (Oracle) and weather.
7.55 Book Choice. Richard Mayne reviews the biography of the author Anita Loos (Oracle).
8.00 The Cavalry of the Clouds. The reality behind the romantic image of the "death or glory" boys of the Royal Flying Corps, who fought the Germans in the First World War.
8.45 A Painter Named Stabbinck. Portrait of the Belgian expressionist painter.
9.00 The Golden Girls. American comedy series (Oracle).
9.30 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor *gardening advice* (Oracle).
10.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? *Compilation of ad-libbed comedy* from previous programmes features Stephen Fry, Jonathan Pryce, and Tony Slattery.
10.30 The Last Resort. Jonathan Ross's guests are *Fifteen-to-One* host William G. Stewart, Keith Allen from the Comic Strip and psychic counsellor Anjele Deva *D'arete; plus music from Jill* Jones.
11.20 Lennon/Goldman. *This critical* study of the methods used to make a biography a best-seller follows Albert Goldman as he researched John Lennon's life for his controversial book.
12.50 Film: The Return of Dracula (1958, b/w). Chiller starring Francis Lederer as a vampire *who terrorizes a small town in* California. Paul Landres *directs. Ends* **2.15am.**

The facts and the legends

TELEVISION CHOICE

Human ideology: Michael Ondaatje is the subject of Arena, following his life and the truth beyond the facts (BBC2, 9.30pm)

● I wonder whether viewers unacquainted with the life and writings of Michael *Ondaatje* will make a lot of sense of the profile of him in Arena (BBC2 9.30pm). Last week *Arena* tackled Clint Eastwood and could reasonably assume a high degree of prior knowledge. But even for those few unaware of his films there was enough background. *Ondaatje* is a difficult enough subject anyway, a writer who, more than most, has blurred the distinction between fact and fiction. Or, as he puts it, "fiction is a kind of truth which is beyond fact". He has put this dictum into effect in books about two American legends, Billy the Kid and the jazz pioneer Buddy Bolden, using a mixture of poetry, prose and photographs and fleshing out facts with speculation and invention. In his first novel, *In the Skin of the Lion*, he reversed the process, devising a fictional story of Toronto which nevertheless focused on two very real aspects of the *city's life, its street viaduct* and its waterworks. *Arena's* treatment is part interview — with Ondaatje himself and fellow writers — and part dramatization of his works. It is a bold attempt to make the printed word live on the screen but the film leaves gaps which the uninitiated may find hard to fill. We hear that Ondaatje was born in Sri Lanka and went to school at Dulwich College. Neither of *these facts is related to his* later career. We are told he now lives in Canada, but not why he went there. And the extracts from his books often amount to little more than impenetrable lines such as: "The trouble with ideology is that it must be made human. It hates the private." Quite so.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

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MW (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Big Beat **9.00** Hey Rrradio!!! **9.30** In Concert **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner

Radio 2

VHF Stereo & **MW** (medium wave) News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Memories of *You* **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Margaret Fingerhut at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** Smiling Through **11.00** Nightcap **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary followed by Financial News **7.30** The Reith Lectures **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Now **8.45** Images of Britain **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by *Sports Roundup* **9.45** *Seven Seas* **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Best on Record **11.00** World News **11.09** *News about Britain* **11.15** Profile **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** The Reith Lectures **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** Music Now **3.45** Images of Britain **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.15** Stand by Studio **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newshour **11.00** *World News* **11.09** *Commentary* **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Classical Record Review **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People *and Politics* **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 648 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Praetorius (Pavan de Spaigne; Spagnoletta: New London Consort under Pickett); Fauré (Pavane: Academy of St Martin in the Fields Chorus and Orchestra under Marriner); Britten (Courtly Dances: RPO under Previn)
7.30 News
7.35 *Morning Concert (contd):* Saint-Saens (Havanaise: Orchestre de Paris under Jean Martinon with Itzhak Perlman, violin); Albeniz (*Piano Concerto No 1*: RPO under Enrique Batiz with Aldo Ciccolini, piano); Bizet (Nocturne; Chanson du toréador; La Garde montante; Danse bohème from *Carmen* suite No 2: MSO under Dutoit)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: J S Bach: Kanto, Kapellmeister and Organist: *Canonic Variations on Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her* (Werner Jacob, organ); Fugue in G minor (BWV 1000) (Nigel North, lute); Magnificat in E flat with Christmas Interpolations (*Academy of St Martin in the* Fields under Preston with Judith Nelson and Emma Kirkby, sopranos; Carolyn Watkinson, contralto; Paul Elliot, tenor; David Thomas, bass and the Choir of Christ *Church, Oxford*)
9.35 Alkan in Context: Alkan (Chants: Op 38 No 3; Op 65 No 2; Op 65 No 6 and Op 38 No 2; Ian Lake, piano); Fauré (Mirages, Op 113: Michael George, bass-*baritone and Antony* Saunders, piano); Ravel (Concerto for piano, left hand: MSO under Dutoit with Roge, piano); Poulenc (Le Bestiaire: Michael George and Antony *Saunders*); Alkan (Esquisses, Op 63 Nos 2, 7, 11 and 12: Ian Lake, piano); Fauré, arr Rabaud (Dolly Suite: Boston SO under Ozawa); Alkan (Sonata de Concert, Op 47: Rohan De Saram, cello and Druvi De Saram, piano); Debussy (*Chansons de France*: Michael George and Antony Saunders); Alkan (Esquisses, Op 63 Nos 43, 45, 46 and 16: Ian Lke, piano); Poulenc (Deux Marches et un Intermède: *Orchestre de Parios under* Georges Prêtre)
11.55 Ulster Orchestra: conducted by Colman Pearce, play Giordani's Symphony in E flat; Glinka's Kamarinskaya and John Field's Piano Concerto No 2 in A flat, with Malcolm Binns, piano
1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Haydn (Quartet in F, Op 74 No 2); Schumann (Quartet in F, Op 41 No 2: Lindsay String Quartet)
2.00 Artisen Auger and Dalton Baldwin: Schumann (*Widmung, Rosslein, Roselein; Er ist's Das Sehnen Abshied; Kennst du das Land?; Singet nicht in Trauertonen*; Schubert (*Frulingsglaube; Der Schmetterling; Nacht und Träume; Liebe schwärmt auf allen Wegen; Erster Verlust; Gretchen am Spinnrade*; Interval Reading; Schoenberg (Four Lieder, Op 2); Strauss (*Das Rosenband; Mohnblumen; Die Zerlosse; Efeu; Freundliche Vision; Herr Lenz* (r)
3.30 Rubenstein on Record: Sixth of twelve programmes looking at the record legacy of Artur Rubenstein, introduced by Graham Sheffield. Brahms (Sonata No 1 in E minor: Gregor *Piatgorsky, cello*); Schumann (Fanasiestücke, Op 12); Dvorak (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 87: members of the Guarneri Quartet)
5.00 A Century of English String Music: *Sixth of eight* programmes. Tippett (Concerto for double string orchestra: Academy of St Martin in the Fields under Marriner); Walton (Two pieces for strings: *Philharmonia String* Orchestra under the composer)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Roger Nichols
6.30 Dear Bix: Final programme about Bix Beiderbecke
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Colin Ford talks to photographer Thomas Joshua Cooper
7.30 Coull String Quartet: Haydn (Quartet in E flat, Op 50 No 3); Shostakovich (Quartet No 1 in C, Op 49); Elgar (Piano Quintet in A minor, Op 84)
9.15 French Drama of the 20th-Century: The Mystery of the Charity of Joan of Arc (see Choice)
10.45 *After Corrette: Milhaud* (Suite for oboe, bassoon *and clarinet*: Athena Ensemble)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cui (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88

VARIATIONS

Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Week In View **2.00-2.55** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** North West Connections **10.35** This England **12.30am** WKRP in Cincinnati **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route '66.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** European Curling Championships **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35-11.05** Eric Wallace and the Case of the Hidden Treasures **12.30am** Curling **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.25pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Snooker **5.00** News **5.45-7.00** Central Post **10.35** Central Weekend **11.35** Snooker **12.30am** Twilight Zone **12.55** The Crunchbird **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** File of the Golden Goose **4.00** Concert of the Week **4.55-5.00** Out of Limits.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Country Practice **1.20** News **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00** Snooker **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.35-7.00** Time Out **10.35** Etc **11.35** Snooker **12.30am** Love Me, Love Me Not **1.00** V **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** Headlines **1.30-3.30** Snooker **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.35** Crosstire **12.30am** Easy Street **1.00** James

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Snooker **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Your Say **10.35** South West Report Awards **11.35** Snooker **12.35am** Film: Clouds' **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Wales This Week **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-7.00pm** Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** The Divided Kingdom **11.05-12.30am** Snooker.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Snooker **6.00pm** Today **6.30-7.00** Who's *The Boss?* **10.35** Matlock **11.35** Snooker **12.30am** Mystery Theatre **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route '66.

TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Country Practice **1.20** News **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00** Snooker **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.35-7.00** Time Out **10.35** ETC **11.35** Snooker **12.30am** Love Me, Love Me Not **1.00** V **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Starring the Actors **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Snooker **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** On the Edge **12.30am** WKRP in Cincinnati **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route '66.

ULSTER As London except: **1.30pm** Newstime **1.30** Snooker **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat **10.35** Witness **10.40** Kelly's People **11.30** Snooker **12.30am** Sledgehammer **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.30** Snooker **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** *Clegg's* People **10.35** Benson **12.30am** Hancock Presents **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** America Reports.

S4C Starts: **2.30am** *Schools* **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Brisinion **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Film: The Party **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Lost in Space **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Shist **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Anzac Cowards **7.30** Chance Midfield **8.00** Cefn Gwrtaid **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Byd Ar Bedwar **9.40** Masterworks **10.00** Golden Girls **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Lennon/Goldman **12.50am** Film: Return of Dracula" **2.15** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **2.05pm** The Brothers **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Sons and Daughters **4.30** Lilla **5.30** Sullivans **6.00** Angels **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Play the Game **7.30** Head to Toe **8.00** Bookie **9.00** News **9.30** Late Late Show **11.30** News **11.35** Film: Emile Kovacs: Between the Laughter **1.20am** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Robin and Rosie **3.30** Berenstain Bears Show **3.15** Troubles with T-Bag **4.05** Muppet Babies **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Ten Minute Tales **5.00** Newsline **5.25** Danger Bay **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** What's My Line? **8.00** Sports World **9.00** Mr President **9.30** Film: Mr Klomp **11.05** Golf **12.05am** Avengers **1.00am** Close.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today presented by Jennie Bond and John Humphrys, incl **6.30, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is Lady Warnock, philosopher, academic and mistress of Girton College, Cambridge (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.10 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: A *Description of the Main* Sights by Linda McNamara. Read by Helene Montague
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: Charitable Purposes. *With David* Walker (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Children's book programme with Penelope Lively. Today's guest is Helen Cresswell
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme: With Derek Cooper
1.00 The World at One: Presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour:* Includes an interview with *film star Shirley Anne Field;* plus an item on crying babies with paediatrician Dr Jayachandra. Also a feature on the Brontë family
3.00 News; God's Revolution by Don Taylor, with Bernard Hepton as Oliver Cromwell and Nigel Anthony as Gen *Fairfax. Part 10 of a 12-part* series; England's New Chains (s)
4.00 News
4.05 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare's magazine about matters psychological, normal and abnormal (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Christopher Cook talks to Martin Wyld and Eric Harding, who are currently restoring the Leonardo da Vinci cartoon, shattered by a shotgun blast. New *Ring* cycle debuts on record by Bernard Haitink and James Levine are also discussed (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 *Going Places: Clive Jacobs,* Tom Boswell and Alanah Martin with travel and transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Peter *White with highlights of the* past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in *Turston, Suffolk, by* panellists John Major MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; Sue Slipman, director of the National Council for One-Parent Families; Jean Rook, *assistant editor of the Daily Express* and Tony Blair MP
9.05 Stop Press (new series): Geoffrey Goodman takes a personal look at the *week's papers and talks to* the people behind the headlines
9.30 Letter From America: by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Our Other Mother Tongues. Joyce McMillan *investigates* English other than the "standard" variety in novels, poetry and theatre now that a variety in new writing has come about extending beyond form. *Plays are now produced in* Gloucestershire dialect, and *poems in Caribbean Nation* Language
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning by Alan Sillitoe (10 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: Presented by *Richard* Kershaw
11.00 *Today in Parliament*
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news with Sally Grace, David Tate, Bill Wallis and Royce Mills (s)
12.00 News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as **LW** except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools: **11.0** Music Makers **11.40** Junior Dance **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.0** Recorder Club **2.20** String Instruments Around the Globe **2.40** String Sounds and Sound Waves **5.50-5.55** PM (contd)

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RADIO CHOICE

Harriet Walter listening to terrestrial voices (R3, 9.15pm)

● In its relationship with the known facts about the Maid of Orleans, Charles Peguy's **The Mystery of the Charity of Joan of Arc** (Radio 3, 9.15pm) can be compared to Shaw's *preface to St Joan. Both* tonight's play and Shaw's mini-essays try to explain how a simple country girl with no knowledge of military tactics was inspired to lead the campaign to boot the English out of France. *St Joan* has the Maid's celestial voices (St *Catherine et al*) transmitting at full strength. Peguy has Joan (Harriet Walter) listening to terrestrial voices — a cheerfully uncomplicated chum (Tilly Vosburgh) and a Franciscan nun (Patricia *Routledge*), neither of whom can explain to her satisfaction why her prayers for the salvation of France (and, by implication, the world) have not been answered. It is an interesting coincidence that Shaw's play ends and Peguy's begins with Joan offering up practically the same interrogative prayer: How long before God's beautiful Earth is ready to receive His saints? The text tonight is Jeffrey Wainwright's resonant translation from the French. It is a massive reduction of the original length (eight hours), and by cutting the cast to three, it allows us to keep up with the long and complex arguments.

Peter Davalle

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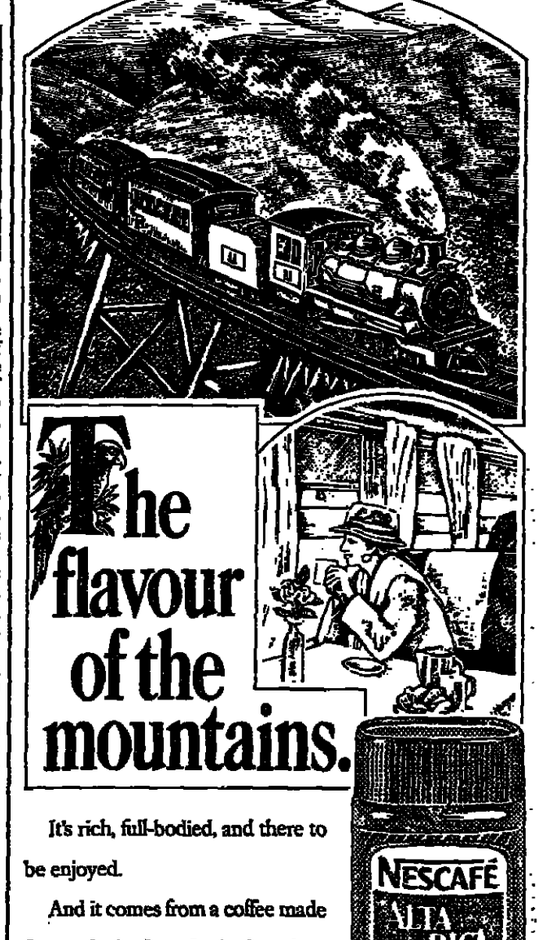

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British firemen take hi-tech to Armenia

By Ruth Gledhill

Three fire officers from the London Fire Brigade and a Home Office inspector are due to fly to the Soviet Union this morning to help with relief work in the devastated region of Armenia in the southern part of the country.

The four men, who have similar experience in relief work after the earthquakes in Mexico in September 1985 and El Salvador, in October 1986, will be taking special equipment to help search out the thousands of people buried in the rubble.

They are taking 11 sophisticated thermal image infa-red cameras which can "see" into rubble and detect the warmth of a body.

They will also be taking two vibraphones, sensitive microphones that can pick up movement and breathing and that have only just come into use in London.

The men will be led by Mr Norman Roundell, aged 60, the inspector of fire services at the Home Office, who went to Mexico and El Salvador.

The request for help was received yesterday through the overseas development administration in London and the London fire officers were equipped and ready to leave last night.

However, they are due to fly out, probably from Heathrow, at about 11am this morning in Russian supplied aircraft.

The departure was put back until the morning and a Home Office spokesman said: "We do not know why, it may have been because it was the quickest the transport could be arranged. It is being arranged by the Russians."

Mr Paul Quick, aged 48, a divisional officer from Bromley, Kent, was one of the three firemen chosen for the trip.

He was one of the officers at the scene at Mexico City's hospital, a 13-storey building that collapsed, when the London fire officers helped rescue hundreds of doctors, nurses, patients and new-born infants in the earthquake.

Divisional officer Joe Bishop, aged 40, from Worcester Park, south-west London, with experience in Mexico and El Salvador, is also going, as well as sub-officer Des Hayes, aged 26, from Southwark, south-east London, who also went to El Salvador.

Last night 10 specialist firemen were on standby in Birmingham ready to fly out to Armenia at three hours' notice.

The men, equipped with five thermal imaging cameras, said they would travel to Heathrow immediately they received a call for assistance from the Soviet Embassy in London.

● Thermal imaging cameras of the type being taken to Armenia by the London Fire Brigade have figured prominently in the search for survivors of disasters in recent years, most notably the Mexico earthquake, where they saved many lives (Robert Matthews writes).

Fitted with special solid "lenses" made of material sensitive to infra-red radiation, the cameras can pick out the heat generated by a survivor's body from the surrounding cold rubble, even if the victim is unconscious.

They will be backed for the first time by a new technique still under trial by the fire brigade, known as the vibraphone.

MARC ASPLAND

Mercy mission: Divisional officer Paul Quick, from Bromley, with the thermal imaging camera he is taking to Russia. With him is sub-officer Vijith Randeniya holding vibra-phone apparatus. The camera was used after the Putney gas explosion in 1985 (below).

This is essentially an exceptionally sensitive microphone attached via a cable to special headphones.

When in use, all surrounding rescue activity has to come to a halt while the microphone is lowered into the crevices

So sensitive is the microphone that the noise of breathing or even heartbeats can be picked up.

Thatcher praises Gorbachov

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home for the emergency on BBC Radio Four's 6.00am news, the Prime Minister telephoned the *Today* programme to tell presenters that that was how she had heard Mr Gorbachov would not be coming to Britain and to express her sympathy.

By 7.00am, she had been told that Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet ambassador, wished to call with a personal letter of regret from Mr Gorbachov. She received that shortly before 9.00am and then conducted impromptu television interviews in Downing Street.

At Question Time in the Commons, she repeated her earlier assurances that Britain, via the Disaster Relief Unit at the Foreign Office, was ready to offer any help sought by the Soviet authorities.

MPs cheered when she said: "We have had an urgent request for thermal-imaging equipment, which was used so successfully to locate people under collapsed buildings in Mexico. We are organizing a team of London firemen with experience in the use of the equipment and they are standing ready."

The firemen will leave for Moscow as soon as possible.

Mrs Thatcher told the *Today* programme that the decision to postpone the visit was quite understandable.

"When there's a tragedy like that, Mr Gorbachov has to go home. Anything else would be unthinkable. Home is the place to be and his people would expect it. He is just the sort of person to do it."

She had been looking forward to talks with Mr Gorbachov and hoped his visit could be rescheduled, she said. "We will try to make ourselves available

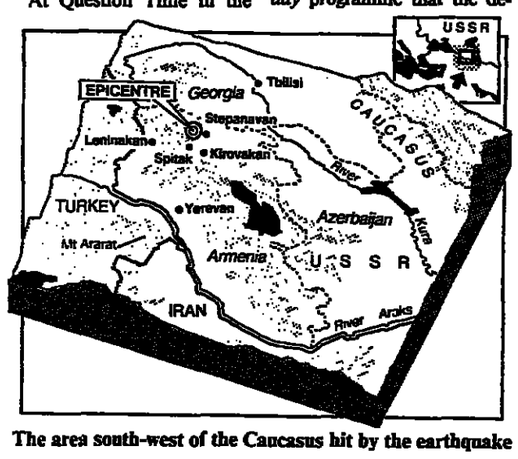
"The earthquake is so devastating and, according to what I heard, the tragedy so great that really we wish to offer our deepest sympathies to the Soviet people and the bereaved.

"We are certain that all the emergency services will be mobilized to help, but anything that we can do, of course we would be only too pleased to do."

The Government is hoping that Mr Gorbachov can be tempted back to Britain in the spring and that his visit will be longer than originally intended.

The Soviet leader's return to Moscow was announced in New York by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, at a hastily convened news conference.

The highlight of Mr Gorbachov's visit to Britain next week was to have been lunch with the Queen



The area south-west of the Caucasus hit by the earthquake

Political sketch

Taking the rise out of inflation

Norman Lamont, a Treasury minister, has finally let the cat out of the bag. It came in answer to Gordon Brown, Labour's Treasury spokesman, who had asked about the Government's new habit of quoting inflation figures *minus* the cost of mortgage-payments. "The Government", Lamont said, had published inflation-figures "both with and without the RPI being included".

Of course he meant the exclusion of mortgage interest payments, not the Retail Price Index, but the slip gave the House an insight into the Government's secret economic strategy.

It was humbling to find that the advice this column offered Mr Lawson has, within days, become Treasury policy. We had advised that excluding mortgages from inflation began a rift between official inflation, and the actual cost of living. Why not remove other items, as and when their prices are hiked — like petrol or baked beans, we suggested.

But we could never have envisaged the daring of Mr Lamont's apparent scheme to remove increases in the cost-of-living *entirely* from the inflation rate. Soon the official rate will be zero, while prices soar. The simple solutions are always the best.

Simplicities dominated questions yesterday. Simplicity, or effrontery, certainly describes Winston Churchill's complaint that Opposition members are asking questions "planted" by their spokesmen. Of course they are. But so are the Tories. And the Democrats would conspire too, were there enough of them.

In fact Mr Lawson appeared to be *reading* his spontaneous answers to the spontaneous supplementary questions his own backbenchers lobbed gently to him. "My hon friend is quite right", he said to Tim Smith (Beaconsfield) who had asked him for figures on Labour's performance in government. By chance, he had them with him.

Sir Michael Shaw (Scarborough) requested more figures. "My hon friend is quite right", enthused Mr Lawson.

"My hon friend is right", was his startling response to Bournemouth West's John Butterfill.

"I share my hon friend's fears" was his shock reply to Sir Peter Emery (Honiton) who had reminded him that there is a long lead-time between pulling the economic levers and getting a response from the real economy.

This reminded one of his comment on the same problem, from a Governor of the Fed, in America: "It's like pulling a brick at the end of a piece of elastic", he said. "You pull and pull, and nothing happens. Then you give just one more little tug, and the damn thing flies up and hits you in the face."

"Spongy-brain", shouted Dennis Skinner, raising the level of the debate. The Tories' Richard Holt raised it further, crowing over the fact that Labour's Frank Cook had bought his council-house in Stockton North, at a 54 per cent discount. In Derbyshire they pillory Dennis Skinner for *not* buying his house, thus remaining a charge upon the ratepayers.

Mr Cook unwisely ignored the option of staying silent and suggested that in Stockton you had been allowed to buy your council house since the 1920s. Not at 46 per cent, you weren't!

"Reading! Reading!" bayed the Tories at Labour backbenchers struggling with "questions" their bosses had given them. The problem was far worse. It was that some of them couldn't even read properly. Forget "the unspeakable in pursuit of the inedible": yesterday we saw the despicable facing the remedial.

In walked the Prime Minister, in electric blue and pearls. In walked Dame Jill Knight, in dun and gold-rope. One looked down, as one might upon a colour-contoured relief map: the top of Mr Speaker's white wig like the snows of a single peak; Mrs Thatcher, nearby, the intense blue of a glacial lake; and, some way away, the brown of a lonely *massif* that is Dame Jill.

"Why can't you *respond?*" Opposition Members kept shouting, as the Prime Minister rose to the historical occasion of Mr Gorbachov's offer, with a little lecture about the need to hang on to our own weapons. "I *am* responding", she shouted. And the extraordinary thing is, she probably believes it.

Matthew Parris

Gorbachov cuts visit

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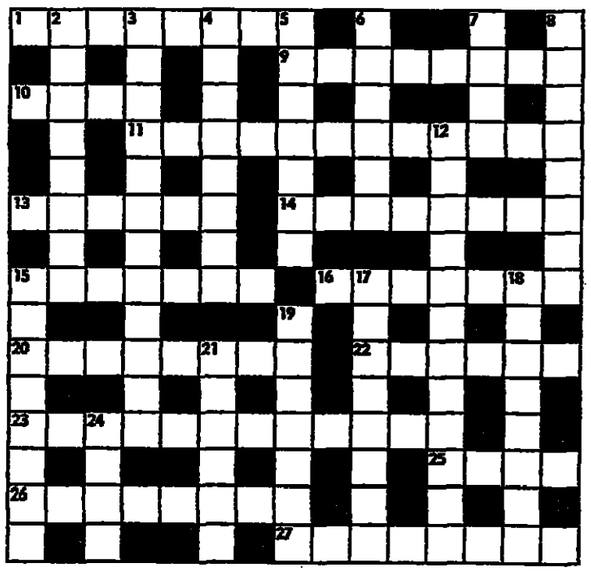
looked grim and tired in the sunshine on the airport tarmac, said President Reagan had telephoned him in the early morning to offer help.

Mr Gorbachov's decision to leave early and postpone visits to Cuba and London was announced at a midnight news conference in New York by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, after reports of the magnitude of the disaster reached the Soviet mission.

Bidding farewell to New York, Mr Gorbachov said the day of his speech to the United Nations had been very important and "we met understanding on all sides and all quarters about that we said from the rostrum".

Summing up his meeting with President Reagan and President-elect Bush, the Soviet leader said Wednesday's session on Governors Island had been notable for its "warm atmosphere, openness, trust and desire better to understand each other's position".

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,848



ACROSS

1 Kipling poem about the French being useless (8).
9 She has a title to property returned after a swindle (8).
10 Group of people applauded the defence (4).
11 Top brass ensemble? (8,4).
13 Simple fellow, head of the Yard, buying promotion (6).
14 Classical school language (8).
15 Agent in disguise sounds the tocsin perhaps (7).
16 Neat petticoat in primrose (7).
20 Transmit unit sign for a return by sea (8).
22 Girl wanted for English by university town in France (6).
23 Having no syllabus, head shows lack of enthusiasm (12).
25 Electric car the auction room rejected (4).
26 False stone in emblem (8).
27 Religious book returned as not wanted is sold abroad (8).

DOWN

2 Disregard amnesty (8).
3 Tread one way round torn lino to get jumper (12).
4 Hand has to use the middle of the sleeve (8).
5 Florence's hospital in a rustic setting (7).
6 In a hollow, a lily out of scripture (6).
7 Peak in Thessaly, exceptionally big when climbing (4).
8 Conditions difficult to endure in an ironclad? (8).
12 Turn left — there's clearly trouble back along the line (4,8).
15 Resident Magistrate in *"As You Like It"* has a way with officers' names (4,4).
17 Spoke freely and took the lid off riding (6,2).
18 Just begun a nice hot rum (8).
19 Seek nut to make into carved ornament (7).
21 Diamond case where you keep things (6).
24 Examine and test the meter, say (4).

Concise Crossword, page 20

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

LIT. CRIT.
By Philip Howard

OLIPHANT
a. A Tolkien elephant
b. A Victorian lady novelist
c. The Chorus in Mystery plays

EARWICKER
a. An Irish publican
b. A German verse romance
c. A type of bookbinding

TOMKIS
a. A sprung metre
b. A Cambridge comedian
c. The villain of Edwin Drood

PURSEWARDEN
a. A Lord Chamberlain's officer
b. A diplomat who kills himself
c. A Trollopian dean

Answers on page 20

Solution to Puzzle No 17,847

C	A	R	O	U	S	E	L		C	A	L	L	U	P
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WEATHER

Most of Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be cloudy with rain at times. Later the rain will be mostly confined to northern and western Scotland. Eastern Scotland and much of eastern England as far south as Norfolk may start fairly clear and frosty with icy patches. England and Wales will be mostly cloudy with some light rain or drizzle, although it will become brighter from the West. Most areas will be mild. Outlook: dry, some rain in the North.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	s	Majorca	12	54	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	15	59	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Malta	12	54	r
Algiers	13	55	c	Melb'rne	21	70	c
Amst'dam	8	46	d	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	15	59	r	Miami*	21	70	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	7	45	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	6	43	c
Barcelna	11	52	s	Moscow	-2	28	sn
Belgrade	3	37	f	Munich	1	34	c
Berlin	1	34	c	Nairobi	27	81	c
Bermuda*	20	68	f	Naples	11	52	f
Biarritz	8	46	s	N Delhi	21	70	s
Borde'x	6	43	c	N York*	7	45	s
Brussels	6	43	c	Nice	11	52	s
Budapst	3	37	f	Oslo	-1	30	c
B Aires*	25	77	f	Paris	4	39	c
Cairo	22	72	s	Peking	5	41	s
Cape Tn	26	79	s	Perth	27	81	s
C'blanca	15	59	s	Prague	1	34	c
Chicago*	1	34	f	Reykjvk	1	34	c
Ch'church	18	64	s	Rhodes	18	64	r
Cologne	6	43	c	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phgn	4	39	fg	Riyadh	21	70	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	12	54	s
Dublin	11	52	d	Salzburg	1	34	sn
Dubrovnik	9	48	s	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Faro	14	57	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Florence	11	52	s	S Paulo*	27	81	f
Frankfurt	5	41	c	Seoul	7	45	c
Funchal	19	66	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Geneva	4	39	s	St'kholm	-1	30	c
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Strasb'rg	5	41	f
Helsinki	-3	27	c	Sydney	21	70	c
Hong K	22	72	c	Tangier	15	59	s
Innsbruck	2	36	f	Tel aviv	23	73	s
Istanbul	6	43	r	Tenerife	22	72	f
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tokyo	15	59	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	c	Toronto*	6	43	c
Karachi	27	81	s	Tunis	12	54	c
L Palmas	21	70	f	Valencia	13	55	s
Le Touet	10	50	c	Vanc'ver*	8	46	c
Lisbon	10	50	s	Venice	6	43	s
Locarno	10	50	c	Vienna	1	34	sn
L Angels*	19	66	s	Warsaw	1	34	sl
Luxembg	4	39	c	Wash'ton*	3	37	s
Luxor	26	79	s	Wel'ton	15	61	s
Madrid	9	48	s	Zurich	1	34	sn

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.1	-	7	45	bright
Hunstanton	6.1	.01	5	41	sunny
Cromer	4.3	.02	6	43	sunny
Lowestoft	2.5	-	7	45	bright
Southend	6.7	-	7	45	sunny
Folkestone	6.4	.01	8	46	sunny
Hastings	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Eastbourne	-	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	5.2	-	6	43	sunny
Bognor R	6.2	-	8	46	sunny
Southsea	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemth	5.3	-	9	48	sunny
Weymouth	5.7	-	10	50	sunny
Exmouth	5.3	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	4.7	-	10	50	sunny
Torquay	4.0	-	11	52	bright
Falmouth	5.0	-	10	50	sunny
Penzance	2.4	.01	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	2.3	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	3.8	-	11	52	bright
Minehead	4.1	-	9	48	sunny
Morecambe	-	-	8	46	dull
Douglas	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Buxton	-	-	5	41	dull
Leeds	4.4	-	8	46	sunny
Nottingham	5.3	-	9	48	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Tenby	3.4	-	9	48	bright
Aberdeen	3.1	-	9	48	bright
Aviemore	0.1	.01	8	46	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.02	6	43	drizzle
Kinloss	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	1.0	.10	8	46	shower
Prestwick	-	.01	9	48	dull
Wick	0.3	-	9	48	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	23.85	22.45
Belgium Fr	70.80	67.00
Canada $	2.305	2.185
Denmark Kr	12.88	12.28
Finland Mk	7.53	7.53
France Fr	11.41	10.81
Germany Dm	3.355	3.175
Greece Dr	280.00	270.00
Hong Kong $	14.85	14.20
Ireland Pt	1.255	1.193
Italy Lire	2480.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	242.50	226.50
Netherlands Gld	3.785	3.585
Norway Kr	12.43	11.83
Portugal Esc	278.50	262.50
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.26
Spain Pta	217.00	208.00
Sweden Kr	11.66	11.05
Switzerland Fr	2.825	2.675
Turkey Lire	3800.00	3200.00
USA $	1.84	1.84
Yugoslavia Dnr	11100.0	8900.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

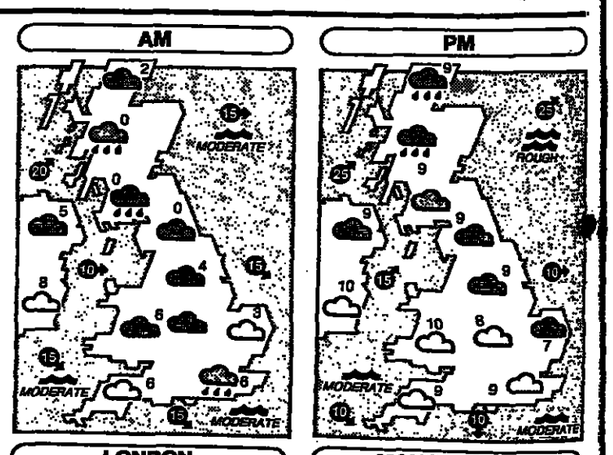
Retail Price Index: 103.5 (October)

London: The *FT* index closed down 13.9 at 1437.1.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	Ht	PM	Ht
London Bridge	1.23	6.7	1.42	6.7
Aberdeen	12.55	4.0	1.12	4.1
Avonmouth	6.57	12.3	7.16	12.8
Belfast	10.44	3.3	11.01	3.3
Cardiff	6.42	11.4	7.01	11.4
Dewsport	5.36	5.3	5.57	5.2
Dover	10.45	6.2	11.13	6.4
Glasgow	12.06	4.6	12.34	4.6
Harwich	11.37	3.8	11.57	3.8
Holyhead	10.02	5.4	10.21	5.3
Hull	6.03	6.9	6.18	7.0
Liverpool	10.57	9.0	11.16	8.9
Lowestoft	9.04	2.3	9.24	2.4
Margate	11.50	4.6	—	—
Milford Haven	5.56	6.8	6.15	6.6
Portland	6.43	2.1	7.01	2.0
Portsmouth	11.08	4.5	11.34	4.4
Southampton	10.41	4.4	11.09	4.3
Swansea	6.01	9.1	6.21	9.0
Tees	3.17	5.1	3.34	5.3

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6 (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1030.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 2.30pm, 2.50pm and 11.30pm

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Stornoway, Western Isles, 11C (52F); lowest day min: Cottesmore, Leicestershire, and Wyton, Cambridgeshire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.12in; highest sunshine: Hastings, East Sussex, 7hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.22 pm to 7.25 am
Bristol 4.32 pm to 7.35 am
Edinburgh 4.09 pm to 8.03 am
Manchester 4.20 pm to 7.44 am
Penzance 4.50 pm to 7.40 am

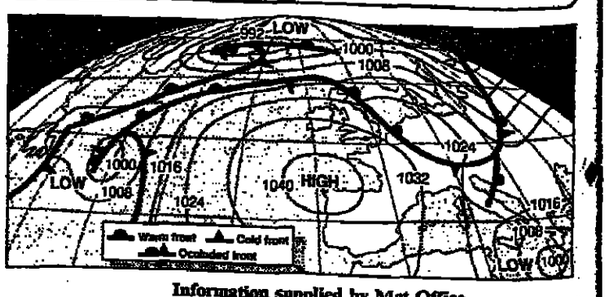
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	r	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'mgham	10	50	f	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	9	48	c	Jersey	11	52	c
Bristol	9	48	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'chester	9	48	c
Edinburgh	10	50	r	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	11	52	r	N'ridaway	11	52	c

Sun rises: 7.54 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises 8.47 am
Moon sets 3.24 pm
New Moon 5.36am

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	
FT 30 Share	1437.1 (–13.9)
FT-SE 100	1757.9 (–13.8)
USM (Datastream)	150.85 (–0.95)

THE POUND	
US dollar	1.8540 (+0.0200)
W German mark	3.2287 (–0.0083)
Trade-weighted	78.7 (same)

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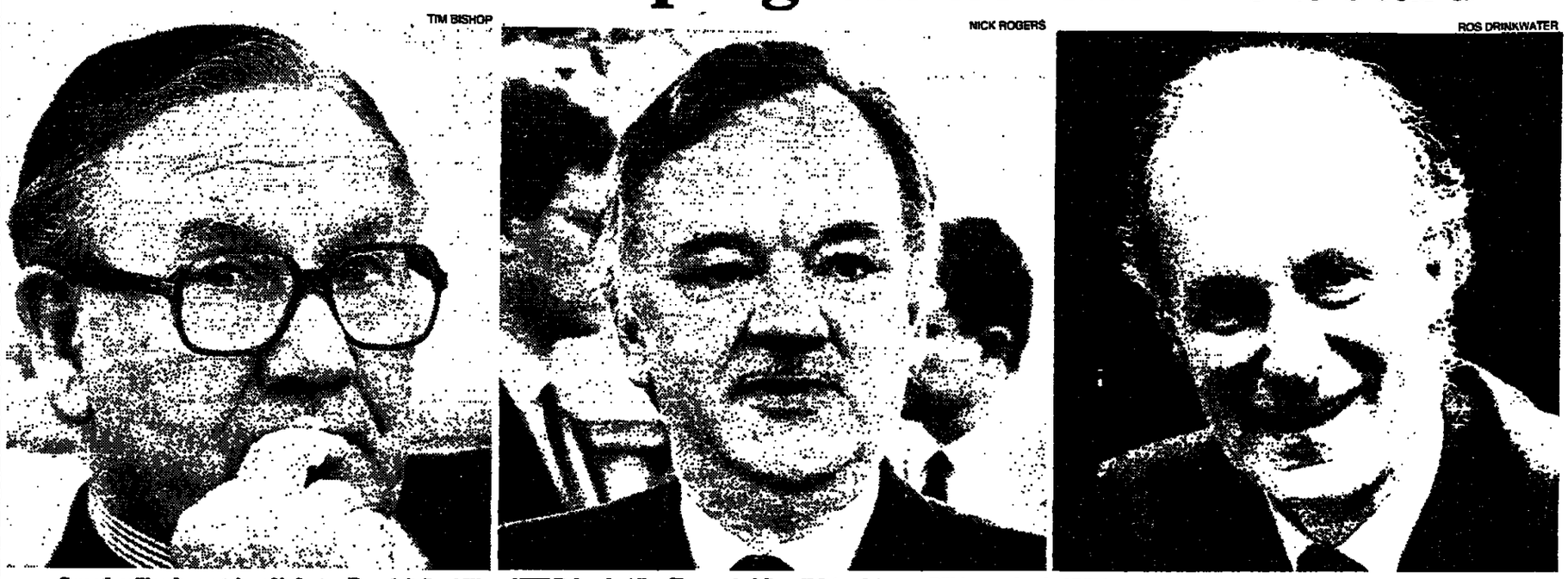
Chairmen review progress across the board

TIM BISHOP NICK ROGERS ROS DRINKWATER



Smooth sailing for captains of industry: From left, Lord King of FKI Babcock, Allen Sheppard of GrandMet and Antony Pilkington, head of Pilkington, after unveiling their companies' results yesterday

FKI outstrips forecasts

Lord King beat most forecasts when he revealed that FKI Babcock, the contracting, electrical and boiler conglomerate, made pre-tax profits of £50.7 million on turnover of £671 million in the six months to end-September. That compared with £13.3 million profits on £203 million turnover a year ago, before FKI and Babcock merged.

Earnings and dividends per share also jumped by more than two thirds to 8.98p and 1p respectively on the increased capital. But the shares tumbled 6.5p to 121.5p after Lord King said any acquisitions would have to be for cash because of the low share rating. Tempus, page 24

GrandMet profit and payout leap

In an impressive performance, Grand Metropolitan, the food, drink and betting group, revealed a 26 per cent jump in pre-tax profits last year to £575 million. Shareholders were rewarded with a generous 25 per cent hike in the dividend to 15p for the year.

Mr Allen Sheppard, chairman and chief executive, said the group's strategic and operational realignments had put it in a strong position to become one of the world's leading food drinks and retailing companies.

On the food side, he said Express had had a good year, through newly-acquired businesses and from new products such as Munch Bunch

Wines and spirits increased volume, market share and profit, he said. Sales of Bailey's Irish Cream reached 3 million cases for the first time.

Turnover of Mecca Bookmakers reached record levels. All the shops will be linked to the Satellite Information Services this year. Tempus, page 24

Pilkington's £139m

Shares of Pilkington, the international glass manufacturer, fell 149p to 193p after a rise of 13 per cent in interim pre-tax profits disappointed the City.

Most analysts were expecting profits of £140 million or more in the half year to end-September, but they emerged at £139 million, compared with £122.1 million in the first half of last year.

However, Mr Antony Pilkington, the chairman, described the group's progress during the half year as "excellent".

Earnings per share rose 4.5 per cent to 11.5p per share and the interim dividend is 2.66p per share (2.35p).

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Plessey legal move halts bid by GEC

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A surprise move by Plessey, the electronics company, has produced a High Court injunction stopping the £1.7 billion hostile bid by General Electric Company and Siemens of West Germany, until Monday.

Plessey, which is increasingly making the running in the bitter bid battle, took its struggle for independence to the Chancery division of the High Court where the judge, in an "in camera" session lasting more than an hour, granted Plessey's *ex parte* (single party) injunction.

Battle by injunction and court hearing has been an infrequent manoeuvre in bid situations but what makes Plessey's move unprecedented is its testing of the Treaty of Rome in an English court. If it took GEC by surprise this was not apparent. GEC said: "No comment at this stage."

The aim of the Plessey move is to hold off the bid until the European Commission decides whether GEC and Siemens are offending the European competition rules. There will be a full hearing on Monday of Plessey allegations that the joint bid by GEC and Siemens for Plessey contravenes the competition rules of the Treaty of Rome and is thus void and unlawful.

It means that unless the injunction is lifted by the court, GEC and Siemens cannot issue their offer document for Plessey. Under the 28-day rule the document is due to be dispatched on Wednesday but if the court proceedings continue the Takeover Panel could be asked to exercise its discretion and allow more time.

Plessey will be fielding two main arguments before the court. One is that GEC and Siemens acting together will restrict competition in its shares.

Plessey will also argue that collaborative pacts planned between GEC and Siemens, which would generate a powerful market force, add to the anti-competitive effect.

A Plessey spokesman said: "We are protecting shareholders against the damage which is being caused by a ramshackle arrangement between GEC and Siemens and using English law to do it on the basis of the competition rules in the Treaty of Rome. In our view the strategy behind the bid has been ill prepared and not thought out and represents an attempt to buy competitive advantage by takeover."

The battle between GEC and Plessey had effectively been going on for four years and "needed sorting out once and for all," said the spokesman. "We cannot go on being the object of greed by GEC."

● Top secret defence projects under development at Plessey would be at risk if the company was broken up as part of the proposed bid, according to a Plessey executive, *Michael Evans writes.*

Mr Philip Parker, director of corporate development, said: "We have built up a highly integrated business with all the key sections linked together. A company like ours is involved in a number of highly secret projects. Integration is critically important to their success."

Lloyd's suspends members

By Richard Thomson

Lloyd's of London has suspended and fined four of its members in relation to charges mostly pertaining to business done before 1983.

Mr John Parry and Mr Frederick Raven were permanently suspended, while Mr Arthur Grattan-Bellew received a five-year suspension and Mr Edward Nelson was suspended for two years.

The four men were fined £150,000 each.

They were all involved in the Bellew Parry and Raven group, a Lloyd's insurance operation which included about 70 different companies.

Many of these companies were set up overseas, and the disciplinary committee of Lloyd's found one reason for their formation was to enable the four men to gain substantial financial benefits in the form of tax advantages.

The benefits were gained from transactions carried out for certain Lloyd's syndicates, the committee said.

MMC focuses on Elders share raid

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The Monopolies Commission is to investigate the dawn raid by Elders IXL on November 10, when it picked up 9.5 per cent of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries shares just after its bid for S&N had been referred to the Commission.

Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, was furious at Elders for ignoring the conventional request for a bidder not to buy further shares once a bid has been referred. He has since said this will be made a statutory requirement.

Now he has made a separate referral to the Commission of all buying of S&N shares by Elders in the past six months. This emphasizes that the Commission has a separate power to recommend divestment of existing holdings if it deems the buying to be against the public interest, as well as the power to recommend a veto of a full takeover of S&N.

By making an additional referral, Lord Young has also opened the possibility that Elders could be cleared to bid, but be forced to divest the 9.5 per cent, or all the shares bought in the past six months, which amount to about 18 per cent of Elders' total 23 per cent holding.

The Commission will report on the share buying as part of its report on the bid.

Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of Scottish & Newcastle, said S&N had asked for the second reference. "We are delighted with this official acknowledgement of the need to shed more light on what has happened and will ensure that the MMC receive full details, particularly of the dubious events of November 10 and its implications," he said.

"Elders are obviously quite wrong to describe this as a mere technicality."

A spokesman for Elders said the Australian brewing conglomerate was relaxed about the new referral and regarded it as a formality. "We are very happy that they have clarified the situation."

Battle for Carless intensifies

By Carol Ferguson

Kelt Energy's takeover battle for Carless took an unexpected turn yesterday when Trafalgar House, the property, shipping and construction group, intervened by snapping up 10.4 per cent of Carless's shares for £21.5 million.

Kelt, which has offered 115p a share for Carless in a £211 million offer, had had more than 50 per cent acceptances for Carless shares yesterday. its second closing date.

However, it is thought that its bankers, American Express, will be unwilling to allow the bid to go unconditional at this level due to the need to sell off Carless assets quickly to satisfy the terms.

Trafalgar is now in discussions with Mr Ian Clubb, the Carless managing director, with a view to merging Trafalgar's oil and gas assets with those of Carless.

Carless shares dropped 2p to 107p.

Gloomy outlook for the retail industry

Growth of sales to slow in New Year

By Our Industrial Editor

Retailers are at their gloomiest for five years over the rate of likely sales growth, once Christmas is over.

A surge of cut-price sales starting much earlier before Christmas than in the past underlines the pessimistic anticipation of the likely turnout in January and February.

The message came from Mr Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey panel, after the issue of its quarterly report which includes forecasts to the end of February.

If the retailers are right, it means the Chancellor's high interest rates strategy could damp down spending noticeably in January.

Mr Whittaker said: "The improvement in sales growth in November must be seen alongside the marked slowdown reported in October, but in view of rising interest rates the outlook is still for much slower growth.

"The present picture is particularly difficult to untangle because the timing of purchases can be so variable in the run-up to Christmas. Even if sales are more buoyant over the next few weeks, interest rate rises will hit the consumer more heavily in 1989 and, as the economy begins to slow, growth in retail sales is likely to moderate significantly."

Stronger growth in import penetration in November was reported by wholesalers, while retailers said such penetration was at its fastest since the end of 1985.

In retailer forecasts for this month, 64 per cent expected sales volumes to be up on last year.

GUS fails to impress at £163m

By Rosemary Unsworth

Great Universal Stores disappointed the City with interim profits below expectations at £162.9 million.

Pre-tax results for the six months to end-September were £158 million before property profits, static at £4.9 million, against £150.5 million. Analysts had been looking for about £165 million. Group turnover was £1,218 million (£1,167 million). The interim dividend was 10p, up 1p.

British and overseas home shopping and the retail division income fell from £60.3 million to £56.3 million. Consumer and corporate finance and investment income rose from £22.1 million to £24.1 million. Property income at the trading level was £12.4 million (£10.9 million).

Clowes executives held on £1.7m bail

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Mr Peter Clowes, head of Barlow Clowes International, the collapsed investment group, and three of his associates in the group were remanded yesterday on bail with sureties totalling £1.7 million after being charged with theft and other offences.

On Wednesday Mr Clowes, already on bail accused of peverting the course of justice, was charged by City fraud squad detectives working with the Serious Fraud Office with 16 fresh offences – 13 of theft, two of conspiracy to steal and one of false accounting – involving more than £22 million. When he appeared at the Guildhall justice rooms yesterday, charged with the new offences, his sureties for bail were increased from £300,000 on the first charge to £500,000 for the 17 charges he now faces.

Bail with sureties of £500,000 was also set for Mr Peter Naylor, aged 32 and a former senior executive of James Ferguson Holdings, the parent company of Barlow Clowes, and Mr Guy von Cramer, aged 27, a former chief executive of James Ferguson. Mr Christopher Newman, who is in his 30s and is the former financial director of James Ferguson, was given bail with sureties of £200,000.

Conditions of bail for the four men include the surrender of all passports and making no applications for fresh pass

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ports; that they should live at an agreed address and must give 24 hours' notice of any change of address or any intention to travel in the United Kingdom. They were all remanded until June next year.

Mr Clowes and Mr Naylor are charged together with conspiracy with others to steal £2.2 million belonging to clients in April 1987. They are also charged together with four counts of theft in June and July 1986, each of a debt described in the charges as a "chose in action." The debts range from £210,000 to £840,000.

Mr Clowes is also charged with the theft of a debt of £1.3 million in August 1987.

He and Mr Newman are charged jointly with four counts of theft of debts between January 1988 and February 1988. The debts range from £2.5 million to £3 million.

Mr Clowes and Mr Newman are also charged with conspiring together and with others to steal between November *last year and February this year.No* figure is given in the charge.

Mr Clowes is charged with false accounting between December 1987 and February 1988. He and Mr Cramer are charged with four charges of theft of debts in June 1987.

The sums involved range from £500,000 to £3 million.

Executive Editor David Brewerton

Peel lifts London Shop bid

Peel Holdings, the edge of town developer, yesterday lifted its bid for London Shop, the property company, by £13 million to £283 million. Peel is offering shareholders 315p a share cash compared with its 300p opening bid. London Shop shares rose 12p to 318p.

But Mr John Bushell, the London Shop chairman, is still urging shareholders to reject the offer.

Peel raised its offer after buying a 9 per cent block of London Shop shares from Mercury Asset Management, lifting its stake to 29.9 per cent.

Dollar dips

Second thoughts on the value to the US of Mr Gorbachov's planned conventional force cuts hit the dollar. After the sharp rise the previous day it fell by 2.35 pfennigs to close in London at about DM1.7415.

Sterling was supported by its high interest rates and rose 2 cents to $1.8540 but closed 83 points lower against the mark at DM3.2287. The effective rate index was unchanged at 78.7.

Edging ahead

Falling platinum prices and the weak dollar hit Johnson Matthey in the six months to end-September, with pretax profits just £1 million higher at £31.5 million. The interim dividend is held at 2.5p.

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New York	
Dow Jones	2152.03 (–1.60)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	29758.90 (–291.92)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2680.20 (–10.08)
Amsterdam: Gen	277.5 (–1.4)
Sydney: AO	1476.1 (+4.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1611.9 (–1.9)
Brussels:	
General	5373.3 (+15.8)
Paris: CAC	393.9 (+4.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	512.9 (same)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	909.87 (–8.31)
FT–"500"	987.80 (–9.49)
FT. Gold Mines	176.7 (–0.9)
FT. Fixed interest	96.50 (–0.05)
FT. Govt Secs	86.97 (–0.27)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
London Shop	317½p (+12p)
Ultramar	272p (+8p)
Stylo	260p (+10p)
Elys (Wimbledon)	735p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Boase Massimi	201½p (–25p)
Countryside	225p (–18p)
Cable & Wireless	362p (–9p)
Sun Life	392½p (–10p)
Hardanger	670p (–10p)
Imry Merch	436½p (–13p)
Laing Prop	478½p (–11p)
UEI	386½p (–12p)
Microgen	199½p (–12p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	22805
SEAQ Volume	559.4m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month Interbank 13 9/16–13 3/16%
3-month eligible bills: 12 11/16–12 5/8% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.02–8.01%*
30-year bonds 100 2/32–100 3/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8540	£: $1.8505*
£: DM3.2287	$: DM1.7410*
£: SwFr2.7180	$: SwFr1.4665*
£: FFr11.0220	$: FFr5.9475*
£: Yen226.07	$: Yen122.62*
£: Index:78.7	$: Index:92.9
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $423.30 pm-$423.20
close $423.25-423.75 (£228.25-228.75)
New York:
Comex $423.50-424.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $14.65bbl ($14.32)
* Denotes latest trading price

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Carless (02385) shed 4p as Trafalgar House (02710) bought 10.4 per cent; GUS 'A' (02610) was down 16p on figures; also with results were Pilkington (01286), down 13p, and Tunstall (02661), 15p weaker; speculative demand lifted Baldwin (03343) 8p.

● Recent additions include: Bletchley Motor 03516; Kromagraphic 1p 03517; Kromagraphic 5p 03518; Kromagraphic warrants 03519; Channel Express 03520.

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TEMPUS

GrandMet strategy is hard to fault

Grand Metropolitan's results — pre-tax profits were up 26 per cent to £575 million — were not only good, but also ahead of market expectations. And had it not been for adverse exchange rates, profits would have been up 32 per cent.

But it takes more than that to interest the City these days. The reward for Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman, is another 4p off his share price to 444p, and he must be wondering what he has to do to improve the rating of his shares.

It is certainly hard to fault the strategy or the profits performance. Profits from the drinks division, which comprises 55 per cent of the total, rose 23 per cent. Food — British foods and US petfoods — rose 22 per cent and comprise 14 per cent of the total. Retailing, which ranges from British public houses to eyecare, rose 12 per cent.

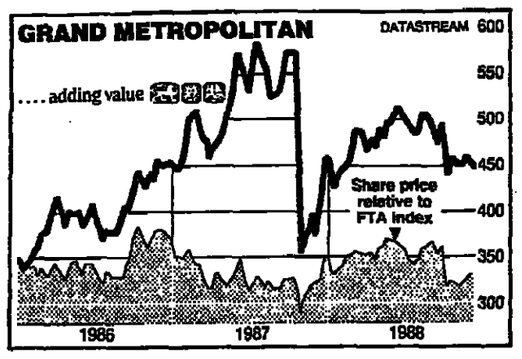
The final stages of the disposal of non-core businesses yielded extraordinary profits of £290 million. The sale of the Inter-Continental hotel chain will add another £500 million plus this year.

The balance sheet has also been restructured, bringing gearing down to 22 per cent from 57 per cent last year. Brands to the value of £588 million have been brought on to the face of the balance sheet, a property revaluation has added more than £640 million to fixed assets, while net borrowings have been almost halved to £750 million.

The proposed acquisition of Pillsbury, the US Burger King group will, if successful, increase the international dimension of GrandMet very considerably in two of its core areas — food and retail, enhancing the group's long-term earnings potential.

The uncertainty over whether this hotly-contested bid will succeed is casting a shadow over sentiment. But no US takeover has failed due solely to the operation of the management's poison pill, and with 88.3 per cent of stock tendered, it is only a matter of time before the US group is in GrandMet's bag.

But investors waiting for the acquisition to be finalized before buying the shares could miss the boat. GrandMet's rating on this year's forecast pre-tax profits is a mere 8.5, while the yield is 5 per cent. The shares, which have barely kept pace with the market in the last year, deserve to be more highly rated.



Pilkington

The City was distinctly underwhelmed by Pilkington's half-time profits. And as long as it allows analysts to persist with the blinkered view that it is a building materials share, it will continue to be on a hiding to nothing when only 1 per cent of sales come from the British new homes market.

This year has been a vintage one for most companies linked to the residential building boom. Compared with the 40 to 60 per cent profits rises reported by many companies, Pilkington's 14 per cent rise looks pedestrian. Earnings per share showing a half-penny rise to 11.5p are also nothing much to excite.

But on closer scrutiny, the results are much better. And the shares, down 14.5p tp 193p, are set to make lots of money for canny investors in the next three years.

The gloomy knee-jerk response by the market ignores basic factors. First, Pilkington is re-aligning the year-ends of important acquisitions to its own March year-end. So six-month contributions in the last half-year have been compared with nine months previously. Adjusting for these, and negative currency factors, earnings per share were far from static, showing an underlying improvement of about 20 per cent.

Secondly, profits have soared from £111 million in 1986 and the interims should be seen simply as a pause on the way to greater things.

The US operations, where Visioncare ranks as the world's number two contact lens maker, is set for substantial growth. Libby Owens Ford, which has had a grim trading period, is responding well to reorganization and is poised for profits improvement.

New capacity is badly needed around the world in flat glass, for the group is working to capacity. In perhaps three years more production will be on stream from Australia, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany and Britain, boosting profit potential.

This year, group profit is set for about £335 million and the shares sell for less than seven times prospective earnings. When the market latches on to the next profits leap in a few years, the best buying opportunities will be long gone.

FKI Babcock

FKI Babcock issued paper near the top of the market last year and has never been forgiven by the underwriters. Mr Tony Gartland, the chief executive, reckons 10 per cent of the group, as enlarged by the takeover of the larger Babcock boiler and contracting group, may still be owned by institutions that never intended to take the stock.

A few more made their exit yesterday. Pre-tax profits of £50 million for the half year to end-September were higher than most forecasts, indicating underlying profit growth of about a quarter. This was greeted by an initial 3p rise in the shares to 131p, followed by a swift descent to 121.5p.

Profits should reach £110 million pre-tax for the full year. That would value the shares at only 6.3 times earnings of about 19.3p per share, on a temporarily low tax charge, or 7.1 times after a more realistic 30 per cent charge.

The businesses are not the most inspiring. Making brass fittings for furniture in the US is rated one of the most promising, and the contracting side is short of a couple of big orders. But that is still cheap for a company bought for its management.

The trouble is the low rating created its own disappointment yesterday. Mr Gartland has aimed to produce 25 per cent compound growth, 10 per cent organic and 15 per cent from acquisitions. Yet FKI confessed its rating rules out big deals for shares. High interest rates make big cash bids trickier too.

With gearing down below 10 per cent, the balance sheet can easily take small bolt-on acquisitions to boost growth by 5 per cent, and turnover is running about 13 per cent up. But it will be hard to manage the big deals needed to attain the target of 25 per cent plus.

The shares are evidently good value. But they will surely need a dividend yield higher than the prospective 4.3 per cent suggested by the interim dividend rise.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Profits edge ahead at Illingworth Morris

Illingworth Morris, the specialist textile group, best known for the production of cloth for tennis balls and billiard table covers, has increased pre-tax profits from £4.32 million to £4.55 million on turnover up from £46.68 million to £47.71 million in the six months ended September 30.

Two months ago Illingworth Morris abandoned takeover talks with Allied Textiles, but it is believed that Mr Alan Lewis, the chairman, who speaks for 51 per cent of the company, is still seeking a takeover. Earnings per share have risen from 6.8p to 7.2p. The interim dividend remains at 1.5p.

BLP in call to fund US deal

BLP Group, the Unlisted Securites Market quoted wood laminates makeris buying Woodtape Group, a US veneer manufacturer, for $10 million (£5.45 million). There will be an initial payment of $8.44 million, made through the issue of 1.352 million new shares and $5.17 million in cash. The company also announced a two-for-seven rights issue at 93p, to raise £3.2 million net towards financing the cash element of the deal.

Archer shows fall to £6.1m

A J Archer Holdings, the Lloyd's insurance managing agent which gained a full listing in February, showed a fall in pre-tax profits for the year to end-September from £8.20 million to £6.11 million. Turnover also fell, from £9.12 million to £7.53 million, with earnings per share reduced from 19.4p to 15.6p. A final dividend of 4.25p was declared. The company also announced the launch of a marine syndicate on January 1.

Stubs Welding resold

James Wilkes, which makes promotional products and beer mats, is selling Stubs Welding, a welding products distributor, for £6.04 million to Forestman, a British subsidiary of Globetrade of Switzerland.

James Wilkes bought Stubs Welding two weeks ago as part of the £6.95 million acquisition of Peter Stubs from James Neill. James Wilkes said that before Forestman's unsolicited offer it had had no plans to sell the subsidiary. Stubs Welding had pre-tax profits of £392,000 on turnover of £4.0 million during the nine months ended September 30. Net tangible assets were £114,000.

Food group dips to £2.1m

Hunter Saphir, the food, contract transport and distribution group, unveiled a fall in pre-tax profits due to reorganization and a shift in balance of earnings to the second half, from £2.43 million to £2.1 million for the six months to September 10. Turnover remained little changed at £91.49 million. Earnings per share fell from 5.35p to 4.40p. The interim dividend remains at 1.35p.

Board change at news group

Sir Gordon Linacre, 68, is to retire as chief executive of United Newspapers at the end of the year. The company's chairman, Lord Stevens of Ludgate, becomes executive chairman. Sir Gordon will remain as deputy chairman of United Newspapers, which has interests ranging from the *Daily Express* to the Extel financial news service, and chairman of Yorkshire Post newspapers.

BMP surges to £5m

A full contribution from Ammirati & Puris, the Madison Avenue, New York, advertising agency acquired for $31.8 million (£17 million) last summer, was largely responsible for doubling profits at Boase Massimi Pollitt, the advertising and marketing servicing group. Pre-tax profits rose from £2.41 million to £5.05 million for the six months to end-June, on turnover up from £58.33 million to £135.61 million.

Earnings per share rose from 8.3p to just 11.45p due to an extraordinary item of £1.18 million for merger costs. The interim dividend was raised from 2.25p to 2.75p per share.

Sound Diffusion blow for Tunstall

By Wolfgang Münchau

The problems at Sound Diffusion, the electrical leasing company which called in the receivers on Tuesday, have led to a £6.5 million below-the-line writedown at Tunstall Group, the Yorkshire producer of emergency communications equipment, which holds 6.9 million shares in the company.

The official receivers, Mr Christopher Morris and Mr Tony Houghton, of Touche Ross, the accountant, said yesterday "on present information, the publicly quoted shares of Sound Diffusion have no value." They added that the group's main activities should cease and said 350 employees were to be made redundant.

For Tunstall, there was further bad news when it announced pre-tax profits down from £5.84 million to £4.97 million for the year ended September 30, despite a 35.6 per cent increase in turnover to £39.98 million. Its shares dropped 15p to 250p.

The company blamed disruptions at Tunstall Security and Tann-Synchronome during their integration into Tunstall's Cleveland site for the erosion of profitability.

Earnings per share rose to 21.5p from 21.4p. A final dividend of 2.5p makes 4p, up 0.75p on last year.

Buoyant Lovell ready for decline in housing

By Our City Staff

YJ Lovell, the housebuilder and commercial developer, has announced a 51 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £16.21 million to £24.43 million in the year to September 30.

Turnover during the period grew from £323.75 million to £382.71 million. Earnings per share have increased from 20.6p to 28.0p. The final dividend is 5.15p per share, making 6.65p, an increase of 33 per cent on last year. The company anticipates a reduction in demand for private housing.

However, it hopes this will be offset by a stronger performance in its construction and urban renewal divisions.

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S&W Berisford profits rise to £101m after reshuffle

By Carol Ferguson

S&W Berisford, the sugar and commodities group, lifted pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £101 million after heavy restructuring last year.

The group sold about 20 companies for £40 million and spent a similar amount on acquisitions.

Further businesses to the value of £100 million have been identified as ripe for disposal.

Mr Peter Butler, a financial director of the group, said: "We had a good clear-out last year, and we have taken all the hits below-the-line to get us to where we want to be for the future."

As a result, the group had an extraordinary charge of £35 million, most of which was losses on closures, reorganizations and disposals. In addition, there was a charge of £2.1 million incurred in defending itself against a takeover by Mr Gary Weston's AB Foods.

AB Foods bid 400p a share for S&W just before the stock market crash, and then withdrew its offer. AB still has a 23.7 per cent stake in the group, for which it paid less than 300p a share. S&W Berisford's shares closed at 390p last night.

Mr Butler said: "We've been a very good investment for Gary Weston, but if he bids again, he won't get us for what he bid the last time." AB Foods has been free to bid again since last month.

The food division, accounting for 57 per cent of the group's business, saw profits rise by 38 per cent. Profits at British Sugar, which dominates the food division, rose by 14 per cent.

In commodities, the company said it was now concentrating on the key agricultural products of coffee, cocoa and sugar, and the remains of the metals trading business.

S&W said that although the results from the financial services division had been reduced as expected, from £27.4 million to £5.6 million, they had improved substantially in the second half.

Due to a significantly higher tax charge, earnings per share advanced just 9 per cent to 35.6p, and the dividend was increased by 11 per cent to 15.5p net per share.

Chrysalis profits collapse

Chrysalis Group, the record company, has reported worse than expected pre-tax profits for the 14 months to August 31 of £1.81 million, down from £7.26 million in the previous 12 months.

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the company's broker, had forecast £2.5 million. The final dividend is cut by 3p to 2p, making a total of 4p (7p).

In July, Mr Chris Wright, the chairman, said poor third-quarter figures from the US record division and reduced property activity would mean lower profits. The share price fell another 5p to 102p.

Demand for HK Telecom

The 575 million share placement by Hongkong Telecommunications, 79 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, was heavily oversubscribed, the company announced. Institutions took up 445 million, and the 130 million placed with the public were more than seven times oversubscribed.

Scapa pegged

Scapa, the engineering group, saw nearly £2 million trimmed from interim pre-tax profits by sterling's strength in the first half of the year. At £18 million, they were held to an 11.3 per cent rise. Earnings per share rose 12.6 per cent to 12.5p, and the payout by a similar amount to 2.54p net.

Bid advisers

Hammerson Property Investment and Development Corporation, fighting a takeover bid from Rodamco, the Dutch investment group, has appointed Phillips & Drew, the broker, and Jones Lang Wootton, the surveyor, as additional advisers.

Iceland offer

Iceland Frozen Foods, the frozen food chain, which has launched a £240 million hostile bid for the Bejam Group, said it had received acceptances representing 6.52 per cent of Bejam's share capital.

Greycoat rise

Greycoat Group, the property developer, pushed pre-tax profits up 66 per cent to £10.4 million in the first half. The interim dividend is 2p (1.6p).

Bond issue

Associated Newspapers Holdings has arranged to issue £60 million in Eurosterling bonds, convertible into Reuters 'B' ordinary shares.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Opponents determined to kick the Abbey habit

The Abbey habit, at least the one practised by the board, is to defend the decision to go for incorporation and a stock market listing, when all the other leading building societies have either abandoned or shelved their plans to do likewise. This is not to say that the other building societies will not follow Abbey down the primrose path to stock market stardom, but that they have decided if they cannot be first, they may as well wait to see how Abbey gets on before committing themselves.

Abbey has a huge task on its hands, and circumstances are not flowing in its favour. The directors, under Sir Campbell Adamson, have to persuade more than a million investors to put a cross on a ballot paper, and 750,000 of them not only to vote, but also to vote in favour of conversion to plc status. They also have to collect a majority of the borrowers' votes.

In order to have any hope of doing that, they will need to build up a head of publicity steam, and that process should be beginning now, for the scheme is due to be unveiled in one month's time. But at the same time, Abbey has to prevent a rush of hot money into the society. The members currently own the society, and it is worth £2 billion. That value will have to be shared out among the members, and although there will be a "cut-off" date after which new members will not gain any share of the accumulated value, it may not yet have passed.

On January 10, Abbey will disclose the outline of the conversion scheme, setting out who will be getting what. There will then be roadshows in 15 cities across Britain, which will be used by Abbey to promote the conversion but equally by the schemes vociferous opponents to sink it. In March, the prospectus will be issued and then the vote taken. Finally, terms will be set for flotation.

Abbey will encounter opposition at every turn, for the timing could hardly have been worse. The housing market is depressed and consumer credit is under attack. The stock market is miserable and British Steel stands at its issue price. The banks are on single-figure price/earnings ratios and the only excitement in the stock market is who will be bid for next.

But shareholders in Abbey will be denied the excitement of a bid premium for five years, as under legislation the society cannot be taken over in that period. Certain Abbey executives are thinking about how they can engineer a longer term bid immunity. They want the freedom of the market, but do not like the look of its disciplines.

If that idea gains ground with the board, the best thing they could do is advise members to vote against the conversion plan. Life as a mutual society may be dull, but at least it effectively insulates the management from the threat of a hostile bid. And maybe that is why no other society is yet following Abbey's lead.

JM in uncharted waters

Sir Michael Edwardes' appearance as chairman at Charter Consolidated, following his arrival at Minorco to oversee the ConsGold bid, meant the departure of Neil Clarke as deputy chairman and chief executive and left his position at Johnson Matthey anomalous at the very least.

Mr Clarke says his departure from an executive role at Charter only reinforced his independence at Johnson Matthey. But if Mr Clarke no longer represents Charter, will Sir Michael seek somebody who will?

Johnson Matthey is pausing for breath after the Herculean recovery over the past three years from the mire of JM Bankers' near-collapse. Interim profits are a mere 3 per cent higher at £31.5 million, after several million trimmed by a weak dollar and low platinum prices, and the dividend is stuck at 2.5p. Forecasts of £65 million and upwards this year suggest an earnings multiple of well over 13, and indications are that Eugene Anderson, the chief executive, is set to use this high rating for a big acquisition for paper next year, despite unused borrowing facilities of more than £300 million.

This will most likely extend the industrial applications of the precious metals division in Europe and the US, although the inclusion of a long presentation on the group's biomedical activities suggested an involvement in pharmaceuticals as an outside bet.

Meanwhile, Cookson Group waits in the wings with an as yet unexplained 6.3 per cent stake — just enough to block a full takeover by Charter.

Sir Michael's known dislike of passive shareholdings suggests Johnson Matthey will either move further into the group or further away, although the advantages of either are not clear. The test could come with any rights issue to fund a big purchase, which Charter could either underwrite to increase its stake or use to dilute it.

Until then at least, investors holding on for a bid are likely to be disappointed.

Thorn fails to excite with £95m first half

By John Bell, City Editor

Uneasy equity markets greeted booming profits from Thorn EMI with a 6p fall in the share price to 619p.

A gloomy mood brought on by a strong pound, profit-taking and the backwash of Morgan Grenfell's problems overshadowed Thorn's 57 per cent rise in profits, a 25 per cent lift in the interim dividend and a 45 per cent advance in earnings per share. Shareholders collect an interim dividend of 7.5p per share compared with 6p last time.

Sir Graham Wilkins, the chairman, described the figures as "the best first-half results ever achieved" by the consumer electronics, music and microchips group.

Profits rose to £95.2 million compared with £60.7 million last time. All of the mainstream businesses performed well, he said. Inmos, the troubled microchip operation, maintained its recovery. The technology companies, which include Inmos, raised trading profits from £8.4 million to £18.2 million.

A buoyant performance from Thorn's lighting operations was one of the highlights of the half-year, he added. Trading profits of the consumer and commercial division climbed from £7.6 million to £11.2 million.

There was a sharp upturn in the group's volatile music division, with trading profits surging from a depressed £2.2 million on sales of £314 million to £11.6 million from turnover of £341 million. In rental and retail operations, profits rose from £57.3 million to £64.6 million.

For some time Thorn EMI has been aiming to improve the international strengths of its core businesses. The strategy is being maintained by high levels of investment, organic growth and selected acquisitions.

The lighting business has been strengthened by the purchase of Holophane in France and the lighting interests of Howard Smith Industries in Australia. Two rental businesses, in Australia and Hong Kong, were bought in September. The group's software interests has been expanded with acquisitions in the US and Germany and Kidde Automated Systems gives Thorn's security business a foothold in North America.

Osborne & Little rises 15%

PETER TRIEVNOR

Material gain: Sir Peter Osborne at the company's King's Road shop yesterday

By Rosemary Unsworth

Osborne & Little, the London fabric designer and manufacturer, pushed up pre-tax profits in the first half by 15 per cent to £967,000. The shares gained 2p to 200p.

The company plans to buy the leasehold of its showrooms in King's Road, Chelsea, for £200,000 from Sir Peter Osborne, chairman, and Mr Antony Little, co-founder. It is closing its Conduit Street saleroom which will be sold because of expanded space in the King's Road.

Sales in the six months to September 30 rose from £5.1 million to £5.7 million. About a third of turnover is overseas and with US sales improving by 60 per cent the American branch has now become profitable.

The interim dividend has been increased from 1.7p to 2p. Earnings per share went up from 7.8p to 8.8p.

The company, which recently transferred from the USM to a full quote, charged the £49,000 costs of its move as an extraordinary item.

BP invests £135m in Indonesian coal

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British Petroleum is investing £135 million for a half share to exploit new Indonesian coal reserves.

Analysts believe the venture could be one of the most highly-profitable yet for BP which also has coal mining interests in the US, Australia and South Africa.

The new surface mine, near Balikpapan, is expected to produce 7 million tonnes of premium coal a year for export to Europe and Pacific rim countries. It lies just 20 kilometres from the sea and transport abroad.

A development company for the £270 million project is jointly owned by BP and CRA, the Australian firm in which RTZ has a stake. Production is due to start in July 1991.

There is an agreement with the Indonesian state coal company for 30 years of full scale production and reserves are put at 360 million tonnes.

Bank gives UB bid assurance

The Royal Bank of Scotland has reassured United Biscuits, one of its main customers, that it will not instigate a bid for it nor help finance a bid attempt by a company which is not a customer of the bank.

The assurance, given at a meeting between Sir Hector Laing, chairman of UB, and Sir Michael Herries, the bank's chairman, is some way from Sir Hector's original request for a commitment from the bank not to support any bid for UB, but he says he is satisfied with the assurance.

Farm threat to Gatt breakthrough

From Bailey Morris
Montreal

European and US negotiators were unable to achieve an agreement on agriculture after a heated all-night negotiating session which cast a pall over the four-day meeting of world trade ministers.

The deadlock dominated the talks, despite an historic breakthrough in achieving an agreement that would extend world trade rules to services accounting for more than 20 per cent of international transactions.

Señor Ricardo Zerbino, chairman of the talks, made a surprise decision to extend them by a day as the deadlock persisted. Strong doubts remain whether any agreements reached in Montreal, under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, would be finalized without a breakthrough on agriculture, as the US continued to insist on language that would result in total elimination of agricultural subsidies.

Shearson delivers bad news

Being able to ride a motorbike could soon be a prerequisite for a job at Shearson Lehman, the American investment bank. Yesterday the firm got rid of all its messengers in a bid to reduce its fixed costs. Shearson was quick to point out that this move was the result of long-standing negotiations, and that of the 20-or-so messengers shown the door, half-a-dozen would now be employed by City Messengers, an independent courier firm, which will be under contract to Shearson. "We have simply contracted our messenger service out," says Laurie Adams, chief lawyer and administrative officer. "All of them have technically been made redundant." All, that is, except Roger Gambrell, the head messenger, who is being retained to co-ordinate the new service. "It will allow us to be more flexible," says Adams, "increasing the number of messengers we use when times are busy and reducing them when times are not. But we may well ask the odd staff member to pop something in the postbox on his way home." Shearson denied that it had also laid off some of its office managers.

● Meanwhile John Craven, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell, has, I hear, cancelled a safari holiday he and his family were supposed to begin today, in deference to the 450 employees laid off this week. "It would be wrong for him to go away at a time like this," a company spokesman told me.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Help to break the spell

The City Diary likes to offer a service to its readers. So, can anyone help Peter Pollard, the head of credit with Lloyds Bank head office, in the heart of the Square Mile? His problem is quite simple. How do you spell organigram — or is it organogram? He called me yesterday to help solve the problem which has split his staff. They have been using both versions of the word — and now need to know which one is correct. The *Oxford English Dictionary* has not yet got around to including organigram (or organogram) which is, in case you were wondering, the word bankers use to describe the relationship between a subsidiary and its parent company. Answers, please, direct to Mr Pollard.

Third men

Whoops! Plastic sheeting manufacturer Wardle Storeys, currently locked in an acrimonious £80 million bid battle for Armstrong Equipment, proudly declares itself "Good Industrial Managers" at the top of each page of its latest document. Posted to shareholders yesterday, it is Wardle's response to Armstrong's defence document. So far so good, except that the pages are all of a muddle — with the first two pages appearing, curiously, at the very end. Perhaps Wardle managing director Brian Taylor has a penchant for page threes.

"Eleven more chopping days to Christmas"

Square deal

Profits across the City may be down, but giving to charity is booming. That wood-panelled dining club, The Square Mile Club, in Appold Street, yesterday handed over a cheque for £10,000 to Sister Joan of the St Joseph's Hospice in Mare Street, Hackney. The money, which was raised throughout the year by sponsored runs, race nights and donations, was exactly double the amount raised last year and will help towards the hospice's £1 million a year running costs.

Services to tourism

Surprising though it might sound, Lord King, the larger-than-life chairman of British Airways, clearly sees himself as following in the footsteps of Thomas à Becket. A regular Church of England-kind of man, the connection comes not from his religious beliefs but from his involvement in tourism. Speaking at a Faith in Tourism Conference in London this week, and following the present-day Archbishop of Canterbury on to the platform, Lord King pointed out that the whole business of tourism in England was, after all, started by a famous predecessor of the Primate's. "Although King Henry II played some part in the shameful events involved in getting rid of the priest he found so troublesome, it was Archbishop à Becket himself who — from beyond the grave — actually started tourism." The reason for this was that the first tourists were, he said, the pilgrims who flocked in their thousands to Canterbury after à Becket's death. "I suspect, too," Lord King added, "that from the very beginning there were meetings of the sort which we are having today to discuss how the pilgrimages should best be managed, because if Geoffrey Chaucer is to be believed there were some rum goings-on on the way to Canterbury!"

● Graffito beneath a shop window in Flash Walk, Hampstead, which sells nothing but personal organizers, reads: "Why plan ahead when a quick bout of panic will do?"

Carol Leonard

IT'S NOT ALL WE'VE BEEN GROWING THIS YEAR.

"Berisford is now following a clear-cut business strategy. The organisational structure is in place with a top management team. The Group is therefore well placed to meet the challenges of the next decade."

E S Margulies Chairman

Summary of Results	1988 £m	1987 £m	% Increase
Profit before tax	101.6	87.5	+16
Earnings per share	35.6p	32.7p	+ 9
Dividend per share	15.5p	14.0p	+11

S. & W. BERISFORD PLC

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFER DOCUMENT (THE "LISTING PARTICULARS") DATED 6TH DECEMBER, 1988, WHICH COMPRISES LISTING PARTICULARS RELATING TO COMPASS GROUP PLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES MADE UNDER SECTION 142 OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT 1986 (THE "FSA"). A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR REGISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 149 OF THAT ACT. THE ISSUE OF THIS DOCUMENT IN THE U.K. HAS BEEN AUTHORISED BY THE STOCK EXCHANGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 154 (1) (b) OF THE FSA.

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND LIMITED FOR ALL THE ORDINARY SHARES OF 5P EACH IN THE COMPANY, ISSUED AND TO BE ISSUED, TO BE ADMITTED TO THE OFFICIAL LIST. THE APPLICATION LISTS FOR THE ORDINARY SHARES NOW BEING OFFERED WILL OPEN AT 10.00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1988 AND WILL CLOSE AS SOON THEREAFTER AS LAZARD BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED MAY DETERMINE.

COMPASS GROUP PLC

Incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 with registered no. 2090126

OFFER BY

LAZARD BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED

of 24,673,550 Ordinary Shares of 5p each at
245p per share payable in full on application

SUMMARY

Compass Group PLC (the "Company") was formed to acquire the contract services division of Grand Metropolitan PLC. The acquisition was completed in July, 1987 in what was the largest UK-funded management buy-out at the time.

The Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") is primarily engaged in the provision of contract services to a wide range of industrial and commercial customers. Its activities are organised into three divisions:

- Compass Services is the Group's major operating division and is one of the two largest contract catering businesses in the UK. It contributes approximately 75 per cent. of trading profits. It provides a comprehensive range of catering and restaurant services, together with certain other services, through approximately 2,500 trading outlets primarily in the UK;
- Compass Healthcare, which is the sixth largest commercial UK private hospital operator, owns and manages six modern hospitals principally in southern England; and
- Rosser & Russell is a long-established business which provides advanced mechanical and electrical contracting and maintenance services to the commercial property sector.

OFFER STATISTICS

Offer price per Ordinary Share	245p
Number of issued Ordinary Shares following the Offer	64,446,866
Market capitalisation at the Offer price	£157.9 million
Percentage of the enlarged share capital being offered	38.3 per cent.
Net proceeds receivable by the Company	£55.2 million
Historic pro forma earnings per share for the financial period ended 25th September, 1988	19.4p
Historic pro forma price earnings multiple at the Offer price	12.6 times
Notional historic dividend per share for the financial year ended 25th September, 1988	7.2p
Notional historic gross dividend yield at the Offer price on the basis of the notional historic net dividend of 7.2p per share	3.9 per cent.

TRADING RECORD

The last five financial years have seen a marked improvement in turnover and profitability within the principal activities of the business. In the financial year to 25th September, 1988 the Group achieved an operating profit of £24.7 million against break-even for the year to September, 1984.

The trading record of the Group for the five financial years ended 25th September, 1988 is summarised below:

	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 £m	1987 £m	1988 £m
Turnover	197.6	208.6	222.6	254.4	276.9
Operating profit	0.0	5.9	8.7	16.8	24.7

The following tables give an analysis of the Group's turnover and operating profit by division for the five financial periods ended 25th September, 1988.

	Year ended September,				
	1984 £m	1985 £m	1986 £m	1987 £m	1988 £m
By turnover					
Compass Services	179.4	184.9	198.9	216.3	227.4
Compass Healthcare	2.8	5.3	7.8	11.0	14.8
Rosser & Russell	15.4	18.4	15.9	27.1	34.7
	197.6	208.6	222.6	254.4	276.9
By operating profit					
Compass Services	0.7	7.7	9.6	13.8	18.5
Compass Healthcare	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.5	3.7
Rosser & Russell	(1.2)	(2.4)	(1.6)	1.5	2.5
	0.0	5.9	8.7	16.8	24.7

Note
The turnover and operating profit of the Group set out above are based on the assumption that the Group had been in existence throughout that period.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. The contracts arising from acceptance of applications will be conditional on the Ordinary Shares, issued and to be issued, being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange not later than 31st December, 1988 and on the Offer Agreement referred to in "Offer arrangements" in the section headed "Further information" of Part IV of the Listing Particulars not being terminated in accordance with its terms. Cheques or banker's drafts for the amounts payable on application may be presented for payment before such conditions are satisfied and the application moneys represented thereby will be held by National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, in a separate bank account and, if such conditions are not satisfied, will be returned (without interest) by crossed cheque in favour of the applicant(s) by post at the risk of the applicant(s). It is expected that the Ordinary Shares will be admitted to the Official List on 21st December, 1988.

2. Preferential consideration will be given to applications on Preferential Application Forms for Employees received from eligible employees ("employees' preferential applications") for themselves only for an aggregate maximum of 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares (4.1 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares now being offered).

3. Subject to these terms and conditions, Lazard Brothers, for itself and as agent for the Company, reserves the right to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any applications including, in particular, multiple or suspected multiple applications, and to present for payment any cheques or banker's drafts on receipt. If any application is not accepted, or is accepted for fewer shares than the number applied for, the application moneys, or, as the case may be, the balance thereof, will be returned (without interest) by sending the applicant's cheque or a crossed cheque in favour of the applicant(s) by post at the risk of the applicant(s).

4. Applications (other than employees' preferential applications) must be made on the accompanying Application Form. By completing and delivering an Application Form, the person(s) named in Box 4 and Box 6 (if applicable), as the applicant(s) and, in relation to paragraphs (h) and (j), you, as signatory (if not an applicant):

(a) offer to acquire the number of Ordinary Shares specified in your Application Form (or such smaller number for which the application may be accepted) at the Offer price and on the terms and subject to the conditions set out herein (of which the Guide to completing the application form forms part) and subject to the Listing Particulars and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;

(b) authorise National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, to send on behalf of Lazard Brothers and/or the Company, as appropriate, a Letter of Acceptance for the number of shares for which your application is accepted and/or a crossed cheque for any money returnable, by post, at the risk of the applicant(s), to your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, to that of the first-named applicant as set out in your Application Form) and to procure that your name (together with the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s)) is/are placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such shares the entitlement to which has not been duly renounced and, pending such registration, to procure that the name of Lazard Brothers (or any nominee or nominees of Lazard Brothers) is/are placed on such register of members as bare trustee for you in respect of any such Ordinary Shares or, if you renounce your right to any of such Ordinary Shares, in relation to the Ordinary Shares the right to which has been so renounced, the person(s) from time to time entitled to become the registered holder of such shares in accordance with the terms of the Letter of Acceptance;

(c) agree that, in consideration of each of Lazard Brothers and the Company agreeing that it will not prior to 31st December, 1988 sell or, as the case may be, allot any of the shares offered to any person other than by means of the procedures referred to in the Listing Particulars, your application may not be revoked until after 31st December, 1988 and that this paragraph shall constitute a collateral contract between you, Lazard Brothers and the Company which will become binding on despatch by post to or, in the case of applications delivered by hand, receipt by National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, of the Application Form;

(d) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation;

(e) agree that any Letter of Acceptance to which you may become entitled and moneys returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your remittance;

(f) agree that in respect of those shares for which your application has been received and is not rejected, allocation of such shares to you shall be constituted, at the election of Lazard Brothers either by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case allocation shall be on that basis) or by the determination of the number of shares to be allocated pursuant to the arrangements made between Lazard Brothers, National Westminster Bank PLC and the Company;

(g) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and that you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;

(h) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of somebody else, you have the authority to do so;

(i) confirm that in making this application you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Company or to any other member of the Group other than such as may be contained in the Listing Particulars and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for this document, or any part thereof, shall have any liability for any such information or representation;

(j) warrant that no other application (not being an employees' preferential application) is being made by you for your benefit or by another on your behalf and with your knowledge for such purpose or, if you are applying as agent or nominee of another, no other application is being made for the benefit of that person by you, or, as far as you are aware, by that person or by any other person, and that other person is not, to your knowledge, acting in concert with any other person or persons as aforesaid; and

(k) warrant that you are not a US person (which expression shall mean any individual who is a national, citizen or resident of the United States of America or its possessions and territories or other areas subject to its jurisdiction, or any political subdivision thereof, or any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised therein or any estate or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source) and are not applying on behalf of, or with a view to re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer to, or for the benefit of, any such person.

5. The basis of allocation will be determined by Lazard Brothers in its discretion after consultation with the Company. An applicant may be allocated new shares allotted by the Company and/or shares sold by Lazard Brothers pro rata (as nearly as practicable) to the number of shares so allotted and sold or in such other proportion as Lazard Brothers may in its absolute discretion determine and announce at the same time as the announcement of the basis of allocation of the shares subject to the Offer. In accordance with the normal principles of English law, the remedies available to persons contracting with the Company in relation to new shares may differ from those available to persons contracting with Lazard Brothers in relation to shares sold by Lazard Brothers.

6. No person receiving a copy of the Listing Particulars or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other regulatory or legal requirements. Any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make an application hereunder must satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents which may be required and compliance with any other requisite formalities, and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes due in any such territory.

7. The shares which are being offered have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Accordingly, such shares may not be offered, sold, renounced or transferred, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any US person or to any person purchasing such shares for re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any US person as part of the distribution of such shares. The terms and conditions of application incorporate a warranty that the applicant is not a US person and is not applying on behalf of, or with a view to re-offer, sale, renunciation or transfer to, or for the benefit of, any US person. Registration application forms on Letters of Acceptance will contain a warranty to the same effect by or on behalf of the person in whose names the shares are to be registered.

GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

1 Insert in Box 1 (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares for which you are applying. Application must be for a minimum of 200 Ordinary Shares or in one of the following multiples:
— for not more than 1,000 shares, in a multiple of 200 shares
— for more than 1,000 shares, but not more than 10,000 shares, in a multiple of 1,000 shares
— for more than 10,000 shares, but not more than 100,000 shares, in a multiple of 10,000 shares
— for more than 100,000 shares, in a multiple of 50,000 shares.

2 Put in Box 2 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or banker's draft. The amount of your cheque or banker's draft should be 245p multiplied by the number of Ordinary Shares inserted in Box 1. For example:

Number of Ordinary Shares	Amount you must pay
200	£490
400	£980
1,000	£2,450
5,000	£12,250
10,000	£24,500

3 Date and sign the application form in Box 3.
The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if duly authorised to do so. Persons signing on behalf of applicants who are individuals must enclose the relevant power of attorney for inspection. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly authorised official whose representative capacity must be stated.

4 Put your full name and address in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 4.
Applications may not be made by persons under the age of 18.

5 You must attach a separate cheque or banker's draft to each completed application form. Your cheque or banker's draft must be made payable to National Westminster Bank PLC for the amount payable on application inserted in Box 2 and should be crossed "Not negotiable—Compass Offer".
No receipt will be issued for this payment, which must be solely for this application.
Your cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a branch (which must be in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) of a bank which is either a member of the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers or which has its cheques and banker's drafts cleared through the same clearing system as the members of that Committee (and must bear the appropriate sorting code number in the top right hand corner).
Applications may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s), but any moneys to be returned will be sent by crossed cheque in favour of the applicant(s).
If you are also applying on the Preferential Application Form for employees you must pin a separate cheque or banker's draft to each completed application form.

6 You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. You must then arrange for the application form to be completed by or on behalf of each applicant. Their full names and addresses should be put in BLOCK CAPITALS in Box 6.

7 Box 7 must be signed by or on behalf of each joint applicant (other than the first applicant who should complete Box 4 and sign in Box 3).
Persons signing on behalf of applicants who are individuals must enclose the relevant power(s) of attorney for inspection.

You must send the completed application form together with the cheque or banker's draft by post to National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 33, 153-157 Commercial Road, London E1 2DB or deliver it by hand, to National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, 2 Princes Street, London EC2 so as to be received not later than 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 13th December, 1988

In view of the Christmas post, you are encouraged to deliver your application form by hand, if possible.

If you post your application form, you are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least two business days for delivery.

Photostat copies of application forms will not be accepted.

MULTIPLE OR SUSPECTED MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS MAY BE REJECTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE AND DEALING ARRANGEMENTS

The application lists will open at 10.00 a.m. on 13th December, 1988 and will close as soon thereafter as Lazard Brothers may determine. The basis on which applications have been accepted will be announced as soon as possible after the application lists close. It is expected that temporary documents of title, in the form of renounceable Letters of Acceptance, will be posted to successful applicants by not later than 19th December, 1988 but will not be negotiable until 21st December, 1988. Dealings in the Ordinary Shares are expected to commence on 21st December, 1988. Dealings prior to receipt of renounceable Letters of Acceptance will be at the risk of applicants. A person so dealing must recognise the risk that an application may not have been accepted to the extent anticipated or at all.

A successful applicant may sell or otherwise dispose of some or all of the Ordinary Shares in respect of which his application has been accepted by execution of the form of renunciation on his Letter of Acceptance and delivery of the Letter of Acceptance to the transferee.

Arrangements have been made for registration of all Ordinary Shares now offered, free of stamp duty and registration fees, in the names of purchasers or persons in whose favour Letters of Acceptance are duly renounced provided that, in cases of renunciation, Letters of Acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions contained therein) are lodged for registration by 3.00 p.m. on 25th January, 1989. After this time, an instrument of transfer must be used. Share certificates will be despatched by first class post on or before 24th February, 1989.

Up to a total of 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares (representing 4.1 per cent. of the number of Ordinary Shares being offered) will be reserved in the first instance to meet applications on preferential application forms from employees of the Group.

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London New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, 2 Princes Street, London EC2P 2BD
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APPLICATION FORM

COMPASS GROUP PLC

(registered in England and Wales No. 2090126)

Offer by Lazard Brothers & Co., Limited of 24,673,550 Ordinary Shares of 5p each in Compass Group PLC at 245p per share, payable in full on application.

1 I/We offer to acquire _____ Ordinary Shares of 5p each in Compass Group PLC (or such lesser number of shares in respect of which this application may be accepted) at 245p per share on the terms and subject to the conditions attaching to this application form

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1. Form No.

2 and I/We attach a cheque or banker's draft payable to National Westminster Bank PLC crossed "Not negotiable—Compass Offer" for the amount payable, namely £ _____

2. Acceptance No.

3. Shares allocated

3 Dated _____ 1988

Signature _____

4. Amount received £

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4 Mr., Mrs., Miss or title _____
Forename(s) in full _____
Surname _____
Address in full _____
_____ Postcode _____

5. Amount payable £

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6. Amount returned £

7. Cheque No.

Fill in the following section only when there is more than one applicant. The first or sole applicant should complete Box 4 and date and sign Box 5. Insert below only the name(s) and address(es) of the second and subsequent applicant(s), each of whose signature, or the signature of the person signing on their behalf, is required in Box 7.

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If you post your application form, you are recommended to use first class post and to allow at least two business days for delivery. In view of the Christmas post, you are encouraged to deliver your application form by hand, if possible.

NEW YORK

Dow under pressure as dollar declines

(Reuter) — Blue chips managed to recover some of their earlier losses in early trading, but remained under pressure amid continued declines in the dollar. Investors focussed on interest rate worries after the excitement of the Soviet defence cuts announced on Wednesday abated.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.67 points in early trading to 2,150.96.

Declining issues led gaining issuesby about three to one. Volume was light.

"Some correction was overdue," said Mr Michael Metz of Oppenheimer and Co. "The dollar is getting badly hit. It was too much too soon — we had this over-reaction to the Gorbachev visit."

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index fell 3.04 points to 1,296.53 by the close of trading.

TOKYO

Nikkei below 30,000

(Reuter) — Share prices slumped on heavy profit-taking after Wednesday's late surge through the Nikkei index's 30,000-point level for the first time.

The Nikkei index fell 291.92 points to 29,758.90. It soared to a record 30,050.82 on Wednesday.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell 10.08 points to 2,680.20 in turnover of HK$749.50 million (£51.95 million), down from HK$1.1 billion on Wednesday.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index closed up 4.7 points at 1,476.1.

WALL STREET

	Dec 7	Dec 6
AMR Cp	53⅜	53⅝
ASA	38⅞	39⅜
Aetna Life	48⅜	48⅝
Allied Signal	33⅞	34
Allis Chlm	⅝	⅝
Alcoa	52⅝	53
Amax Inc	22¼	22⅜
AMR Hess	29⅞	29⅞
Am Brands	57¼	57½
Am Cynmd	47⅝	47⅝
Am Ele Pwr	27½	27¼
Amexs	28	28⅜
Am Family	13½	13½
Am Home	84¼	84
Am Int Grp	67½	67⅝
Am Telph	29⅞	29⅞
Amoco Cp	75⅝	74⅞
Anheuser B	31⅜	31½
Arch Dan	21¼	20⅞
Armco Steel	9⅝	9⅝
Asarco Inc	26⅜	26⅜
Ashland Oil	33⅜	32⅞
Atl Richfld	80⅝	80⅜
Avon Prod	19	19¼
Bk Boston	24⅛	23⅜
Bank NY	34⅜	35
Bankamer	18	18⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	38¼	38⅜
Baxter	17⅝	17⅝
Beth Steel	21¼	20⅛
Boeing	63⅝	63⅝
Boise Casc	40⅝	40⅝
Borden	56	56⅜
Bristl Meyr	45¼	45⅜
BP	54⅛	54⅝
Brunswick	17⅝	17⅝
Burl Nth	75½	74⅞
CBS	168⅜	168
Cms Engy	24⅞	24
CPC Int	51⅜	51
CSX Cp	32	32⅛
Camp Soup	31⅜	31⅜
Can Pacific	16⅜	16⅝
Caterpillar	63⅜	64⅛
Centrl SW	31¼	31
Champion	31⅝	31¼
Chase Man	27⅝	27⅝
Chem Bank	33⅜	32⅝
Chevron	45⅝	45
Chrysler	27½	27
Citicorp	26⅜	26⅜
Clark Eq	31	31½
Coca Cola	44⅛	44⅝
Colgate	45⅜	45⅜
Columb Gas	35⅝	35⅝
Cmb'tn Eng	26⅝	26⅜
Cmwlth Edi	32⅝	32¼
Cons Edis	45⅝	45⅝
Consol Ng	39⅝	39⅜
Cont Data	17¼	17⅝
Corning Gl	68¼	68
Crane	22⅝	23½
Curtiss W	54¼	54
Data Genl	18¼	18⅝
Deere Co	47⅝	48¼
Delta Airl	49⅜	49⅝
Detroit Edi	16⅝	16⅝
Digital Eq	95⅝	96⅝
Disney	85¼	84⅝
Dow Chem	85⅝	86⅝
Dressr Ind	27⅝	27½
Dupont	83⅝	83½
Duke Pwr	46½	46⅝
East Kodak	46¼	45¼
Eaton Cp	54⅝	53
Emerson El	31	31⅝
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝
Exxon	44⅝	44⅝
Farah Inc	8⅝	8⅜

	Dec 7	Dec 6
Fedders	11½	11⅝
Fst Chicago	30	30⅜
Fst Int Bncp	47⅝	47⅝
Fst Penn C	12¼	12⅝
FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅝
Ford Motor	52⅜	52⅝
GAF Cp	46	46⅜
GTE Cp	45⅝	45⅝
Gen Cp	17½	17⅜
Gn Dynam	50⅞	50⅝
Gen Electric	45¼	45⅝
Gen Inst	23⅝	23⅜
Gen Mills	52⅝	51⅝
Gen Motors	86⅝	87
Gen Pub Ut	37⅜	37⅝
Genesco	5	5
Georgia Pac	35⅝	35½
Gillette	33⅜	33⅜
Goodrich	51	50⅞
Goodyear	48	48⅝
Grace Co	25⅝	25⅝
Grt Atl Pac	46⅝	48¼
Greyhnd	28⅜	28⅝
Gruman	21½	21¼
Gulf Westn	40⅜	40⅜
Heinz	46⅝	46⅝
Hercules	43⅝	43⅜
Hewlett Pk	51⅝	51½
Hilton	53¼	52
Honeywell	59⅜	60¼
IC Ind	n.a	n.a
ITT Cp	52⅜	51⅝
INCO	32⅝	32¼
Ing Rand Wl	33⅜	33⅞
Inland Steel	38⅜	38⅝
IBM	121	122
Int Paper	44⅝	44⅝
Irving Bk	76⅜	76⅜
Jhsn & Jhsn	87⅝	86⅝
K Mart	35⅝	35⅝
Kerr McGee	37½	37⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	59¼	60⅜
Knght Ridr	46⅜	47
Kraft	106	105⅜
Kroger	9⅝	9½
LTV Cp	2¼	2⅝
Litton	70⅝	69⅜
Lockheed	41¼	41
Lone Star	29⅝	30
Man H'nver	29⅝	29⅜
Manville	7⅜	7⅜
Mapco	54	53⅜
Marriott	31⅜	31
Mt Marrieta	40⅝	41⅝
Masco Cp	25⅛	24⅝
Mcdonalds	47⅝	47½
McDonnell	77⅝	78
Mead Cp	42⅝	40⅝
Merck	57⅝	58
Minsta Mng	62⅝	62
Mobil	45⅝	44⅝
Monsanto	82⅝	82⅝
Montedison	15⅝	15¼
Morgan Jp	35⅝	35⅝
Motorola	40¼	40¼
NCR	55⅝	55
NL Indstrs	5¼	5½
Nat Md Ent	21¼	21¼
Nat Semi	9⅝	9¼
Norfolk Sth	30¼	30⅝
NW Bancrp	32⅝	32
Occid Petl	25⅛	25⅝
Ogden Cp	30⅛	30⅝
Olin Cp	49⅜	48⅝
PPG Ind	39⅜	38⅝
Pac Enterp	37¼	38
Pac Gas El	18⅝	18¼
Pan Am	2⅝	2½
Penney JC	54	53⅝

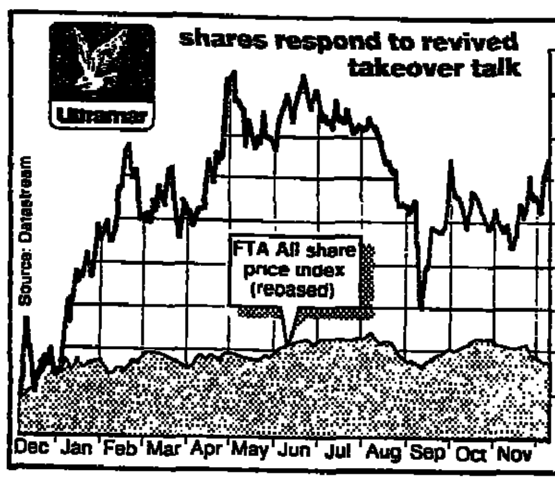
	Dec 7	Dec 6
Pennzoil	73⅝	72⅝
Pepsico	39⅝	38⅜
Pfizer	57	57⅜
Phelps Dod	49⅝	49
Philip Mor	97⅜	98⅛
Philip Ptrl	20½	20⅝
Pillsbury	58⅝	58½
Polaroid	35⅜	35¼
Primerica	28⅝	28⅝
Proct Gble	84¼	84⅜
Pub SE Gr	24⅝	24⅝
R Nabisco	91	91¼
Raytheon	71⅛	70⅝
Rynlds Metl	49⅜	50⅜
Rockwell Int	21⅛	20⅝
Royal Dutch	114⅜	115
SFE Sopac	17⅝	17¼
Sara Lee	45¼	45⅝
Schlumb	33⅜	33¼
Scott Paper	37	36⅜
Seagram	60	60⅜
Sears Roeb	40⅝	40⅜
Sec Pac	38	37⅝
Shell Trans	73⅝	74¼
Smith Beck	48	48⅝
Sony Cp	55⅝	55⅝
SW Bell	41⅛	41⅛
Squibb	68⅝	69
Sun Comp	32⅝	32⅝
TDK	76	74
TRW Inc	43	42⅜
Teledyne	333⅜	332
Tenneco	49	49½
Texaco	51⅛	48⅜
Tex Eastn	30⅜	30⅜
Texas Inst	38⅜	37½
Tex Util	28⅝	28¼
Textron	23⅜	23⅜
Travelers	35⅜	35⅜
UAL Cp	106⅜	107⅜
USG Cp	5⅝	5⅝
USX Cp	28⅝	28⅝
Unilever Plc	32⅜	32⅝
Un Carbide	25⅜	25⅝
Un Pac Cp	62⅜	62⅝
Unisys Cp	29¼	28⅝
Una Brand	15⅝	15⅝
Us West	58⅝	58⅝
Utd Tech	40⅝	40½
Unocal	38¼	38⅝
Warn Lamb	76⅝	76⅜
Wells Far	65⅝	65⅜
Westg El	53⅝	53¼
Weyershr	25¼	24⅝
Whirlpool	24⅝	24⅝
Woolworth	51⅝	51⅜
Xerox Cp	57⅝	57⅝
Zenith	17½	17⅝

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnico Eag	12	12⅝
Alcan Alum	37⅝	37⅜
Can Pacific	20	20
Cominco	22½	23
Con Bathrst	14½	14¼
Hawk S Can	21	20⅝
Hud Bay M	21¼	21½
Imasco	27⅝	27⅝
Imperial Oil	48⅜	47⅝
Inco	39⅜	38⅜
Royl Trstco	16	15⅝
Seagram	72	72
Shell Can	39⅜	39⅜
Stelco	21½	21⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	27⅝	27⅜
Varity Cp	3.30	3.35
WCE	15⅝	15⅝
Weston	35¼	35¼

STOCK MARKET

Next jumps on buyout hopes



A depressed stores sector suddenly sprang to life when shares of Next, the high street and mail order fashion specialist, rallied strongly in late dealings from a new low level for the year of 123p to close 10.5p higher on the day at 135p.

Almost 7 million shares changed hands as the market heard that Mr George Davies, the chairman, and Mr David Jones, a director, had bought 100,000 and 150,000 shares respectively at 135p a share on December 2.

The news and rumours that Mr Davies had been in the market acquiring more shares yesterday prompted the sudden burst of buying activity as dealers speculated that their actions were the prelude to a management buyout. Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, was reported to be an aggressive buyer.

Next shareholders' have had a torrid time this year, watching their shares plummet from the January level of 292p to 123p. The final straw was last week's fall of 20p on one day following Mr Davies' warnings that pre-tax profits this year would be significantly lower than last and there may only be modest growth in 1989-90.

However, analysts were sceptical as to whether a management buyout was possible.

Elsewhere, share prices drifted lower in nervous trading conditions amid widespread rumours that another big securities house would follow Morgan Grenfell's lead and withdraw from market-making today, at the end of the current account.

Stories that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was about to resign — later denied — also dampened sentiment, while a reported £40 million "sell" programme and an easier Wall Street put the lid on a depressing day's business.

Some bear closing towards the end of trading brought about a small recovery and the FT-SE 100 share index finished 13.8 points down at 1,757.9, having been nearly 20 points down at its lowest. The narrower FT 30 share index ended 13.9 points off at 1,437.1.

Revived concern about the economy's future left gilts nursing falls ranging to £½.

NatWest reflected adverse stories concerning its County NatWest WoodMac securities operations with a fall of 7p to 522p, while **Kleinwort Benson** drifted down 3p to 296p amid talk that it was on the verge of withdrawing from market-making.

Metro Radio Group, operator of the only two independent local radio franchises in north-east England, staged an impressive début on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 110p a share by County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, the shares advanced strongly to close at the day's best level of 133p, a premium of 23p.

The surrounding gloom also failed to unsettle **Ultramar**, Britain's leading independent oil company, which advanced 8p to 272p on a turnover of nearly 7 million shares as takeover speculation intensified.

Interest in the perennial bid stock has been spectacularly revived following Tuesday's late revelation that Noverco, Unigesco and Banque Paribas, acting in concert, had acquired a 4.3 per cent stake in the company.

Speculators have piled in since on hopes that the long-awaited bid for Ultramar will at last materialize. Whispers in the market suggest the cash-rich Mr Marcel Dutil, head of Noverco, wants to get his hands on Ultramar's eastern Canadian retail operation and is prepared to launch a break-up takeover bid of 330p-plus per share in order to do so.

Although Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, recently increased his stake in Ultramar to 14.1 per cent, it is widely known that he has no intention of launching a bid and is a willing seller at £3 a share.

Blue Arrow, the world's biggest employment agency headed by Mr Tony Berry, succumbed to renewed selling pressure and dropped a further 2p to a new low for the year of 82p.

More than 10 million shares changed hands as the "sell" recommendation made by Phillips & Drew, its own broker, in the wake of Mr Mitchell Fromstein's abrupt departure this week from its US Manpower operation, continued to take its toll.

Blue Arrow recently advanced to 100p amid speculation that a management buyout was being put together in America by Mr Fromstein.

Dealers believe Mr Fromstein will orchestrate a full-scale bid for the beleaguered group. One said: "Shares of Blue Arrow now look dirt cheap at 81p particularly as Mr Berry himself hinted this year that he may consider a buyout at some stage which surely must be pitched at about the 130p a share level."

Hestair, the rival employment agency group, recovered from a low of 260p to finish 6p down at 263p.

In an effort to arrest the slide in its share price, the company stated that trading profits from its British employment agency businesses which include HMS and Atlas and Knight were 88 per cent higher in the half year to the end of July.

Moreover, the trend has continued with October and November producing record results and by the end of November vacancies registered with the group's agencies were at an all-time peak.

The current controversy over eggs triggered by the comments of Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior Health Minister, about most of the country's egg production being infected with salmonella led to renewed selling of **Hillsdown**, which derives 2 per cent of its pre-tax profits from egg production, and its shares closed down 6p at 240p.

Dalgety, the international food and farming supplies group, was similarly affected and dropped 10p to 287p. However, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, rates the shares a buy. It has one of the highest yields in the food sector and a modest p/e rating and therefore looks attractive.

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Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, is a fan of Misys, the rapidly growing computer software and services group, at 322p. It says the stock looks attractive on a prospective rating of 12 times, with strong profitability and organic cash generation as well as acquisitive growth.

British Land's shares look oversold at 337p, down a further 2p, says Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, and stand on a 27 per cent discount to its own estimated current net asset value. This does not take into account expected growth in net asset value or bid speculation in the sector.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,130	CU	1,216	Laporte	85	Saatchi	584
Abbey	928	Cons Gold	886	L&G	1,127	Sainsbury	577
Alld-Lyons	1,293	Cookson	1,320	Lloyds	2,414	Scot & N	2,119
Amstrad	366	Courtaulds	658	Lonrho	5,431	Sears	5,185
ASDA	4,565	Dalgety	516	Lucas	532	Sedgwick	1,089
AB Foods	55	Dixons	750	Magnet	2,867	Shell	1,041
Argyll	2,606	ECC	95	M&S	5,151	Siebe	473
BAA	471	Enterprise	284	Maxwell Cm	674	Slough	684
BET	1,677	Ferranti	3,980	MB Group	772	Smith & N	5,233
BTR	2,843	Fsons	1,661	MEPC	741	Smith WH	1,358
BAT	2,259	FKI Babck	5,088	Midland	1,987	Smiths Ind	1,201
Barclays	2,922	Gateway Cp	5,365	NatWest	1,606	STC	3,955
Bass	1,024	Gen Acc	406	Next	6,960	Stan Chart	809
Beecham	637	GEC	11,995	Nth Food	860	Storehse	1,514
Beazer	341	Glaxo	1,077	P&O	322	Sun Allnce	113
Bensfd SW	3,228	Globe Inv	371	Pearl	1,124	T & N	236
BICC	1,673	Glynwed	784	Pearson	679	Tarmac	834
Blue Arr	10,591	Granada	931	Pilkington	7,674	Tate & Lyle	317
Blue Circle	172	Grand Met	589	Plessey	3,688	Taylor Wood	131
BOC	374	GUS 'A'	205	Polly Peck	2,610	TSB	3,825
Boots	602	GRE	1,805	Prudential	4,282	Tesco	3,771
BPB	1,089	GKN	1,233	Racal	2,889	Thorn EMI	1,596
Br Aero	888	Guinness	909	Racal Tel	265	Trafalgar	7,938
Br Airways	3,178	Hamm 'A'	42	Rk Hovis	509	THF	4,486
Br Comm	368	Hanson	19,037	Rank	779	Ultramar	6,932
Br Gas	4,551	H & C	192	R&C	347	Unigate	2,009
Br Land	1,411	Hawker	489	Redland	558	Unilever	428
Br Petrol	3,250	Hillsdown	1,090	Reed	952	United Bis	2,035
Br Telecm	3,400	IMI	943	Reuters	961	Utd News	138
Bunzl	568	ICI	890	RMC Gp	522	Wellcome	237
Burmah	254	Inchcape	841	RTZ	916	Whitbrd	909
Burton	1,783	Jaguar	852	R-Royce	1,232	Williams	1,598
C&W	1,723	Lasmo	687	Rothmn 'B'	488	Wills Fab	855
Cadbury	1,345	Ladbroke	2,954	Royal Bank	487	Wimpey G	1,022
Coats	2,337	Land Sec	1,311	Royal Ins	1,163	Woolworth	1,112

Fimbra hails new council

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The inaugural meeting in Tokyo this week of a council launched to boost the flow of information between the world's leading bodies of securities dealers was hailed as "a very timely initiative" and "a dramatic success" by Lord Elton, chairman of Fimbra.

Fimbra, Britain's Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association, is a founding member of the group, named the International Council of Securities Dealers Associations.

Its aim is to swap information, tips and ideas, although it might mature into something more substantial.

"We see the world's markets depending more and more on the efficient exchange of information," Lord Elton said. "It is a very constructive step to bring regulators together to establish mutual confidence. If dealers in other countries are acting in suspected breach of their regulations, the quicker we hear about it the quicker we can check their subsidiaries in the UK and do something about it."

He said such an exchange would also help curb "regulatory arbitrage", where dealers move to the country offering the freest regulatory climate.

Half-time profit slip at Walter Alexander

Walter Alexander, the Scottish industrial group whose interests cover coachbuilding to home textiles, showed a £510,000 fall in pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September to £1.91 million.

Turnover slipped from £48.81 million to £45.18 million, with earnings per share falling from 5.8p to 4.6p.

The interim dividend is unchanged from last time's 1.8p.

Full-year dip

Carr's Milling Industries, the flour milling to agricultural products group, showed a dip in pre-tax profits for the year to September 3 from £2.09 million to £1.87 million. Sales climbed from £67.08 million to £73.01 million, with earnings per share falling from 29.6p to 20.8p. The final dividend is 5.75p (5.50p), making 7.50p (7.25p).

Syltone ahead

Syltone, the Bradford engineering holding company, saw pre-tax profits rise for the six months to end-September from £725,000 to £854,000 on turnover up from £12.48 million to £13.60 million, earnings per share rising from 11.0p to 13.6p. The 4p interim dividend is unchanged.

Phoenix rises

Phoenix Timber Group saw pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September climb from £831,000 to £995,000. Turnover rose from £21.11 million to £30.48 million, with earnings per share up from 6.1p to 6.7p. The interim dividend is 1.1p (1.0p).

Brewer buys

Boddington, the brewing group, is paying £4.75 million for Bentley's of Piccadilly. The deal includes 14 of the 15 restaurants formerly operated by Bentley's in central London before the business was placed in the hands of joint administrative receivers.

Seibu move

Seibu Saison, the Japanese company buying Grand Metropolitan's Inter-Continental Hotels, will set up a subsidiary in Amsterdam next week to finalize the acquisition with a $2.15 billion (£1.16 billion) payment.

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- new European autocatalyst plant being built (Belgium)
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- new ceramic transfers plant (France)
- Group Technology Centre expanding (UK)

Six months' results – Highlights

	1988	1987
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	£31.5m	£30.5m
PROFIT AFTER TAX	£23.4m	£22.6m
EARNINGS PER SHARE	12.9p	12.5p
INTERIM DIVIDEND	2.5p	2.5p

- adverse precious metal prices and exchange rates overcome
- strong performance by autocatalyst business
- good industrial demand for platinum
- exceptional growth in platinum for jewellery and investment
- ceramic colours and transfers advance

THE ABOVE POINTS ARE EXTRACTED FROM THE HALF-YEAR REPORT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO THE COMPANY SECRETARY,
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CBI backs up claim over pay

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry has produced evidence to back up its claim that industry pay awards are not inflationary.

Productivity growth over the past year was greater than that of pay settlements, the CBI said in the latest edition of its *Employment Affairs Report*.

The results showed that in the 12 months to the third quarter, growth in manufacturing productivity had averaged 9.7 per cent, compared with average pay settlements in the quarter of 6.3 per cent. In the 12 months from the third quarter, productivity growth was expected to average 6 per cent.

In the private services sector, productivity growth is running at 6 per cent a year, the CBI said.

"These results indicate just how rapidly British firms have been improving their performance, and that the improvement is expected to continue," said Mr Rod Thomas, the CBI's Director of Employment Affairs.

Government may discard detailed trade statistics

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Cost-effective: Francis Maude of the Department of Trade

The Government may end the compilation of Britain's overseas trade statistics in their present form, Mr Francis Maude, a junior Department of Trade and Industry minister, said.

Mr Maude, addressing the annual Statistics' Users Conference in London, said the the usefulness of detailed trade statistics must be balanced against collection costs.

The annual cost of collecting and publishing Britain's overseas trade statistics is about £10 million, and the Government questions the usefulness of persisting with a detailed breakdown of Britain's overseas trade when European Community barriers fall in 1992.

The Government needs overall balance of payments information, he said, but does not require a detailed breakdown on the performance of British industry in different areas and products.

"I question whether taxpayers' money should be spent collecting information that the Government does not need itself in order to meet the needs of industry and commerce," Mr Maude said.

But the proposal was attacked by Mr Ian Maclean of Business and Trade Statistics Limited. He said that 80 per cent of British companies made use of the detailed overseas trade figures and cited the success of the Japanese economy, which is based on detailed knowledge of individual product markets.

The prospect of scrapping detailed overseas trade figures comes when the Government has been seeking to play down the importance of the current account deficit, set to reach £15 billion this year.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, has said that the deficit is not a matter of concern and hinted that the official figures are unreliable. But Mr Bruce Buckingham, a senior Central Statistical Office official, said there is no evidence that the figures overstate the size of the deficit.

● The quality of business investment has improved as well as its quantity, according to the Treasury. An article in *Economic Progress Report* says that Central Statistical Office data suggest a marked improvement in the productivity of capital, and a more rapid increase than in other main industrial countries.

Part of the reason may be the removal of distortions in the tax system. The ending of 100 per cent first-year capital allowances in the 1984 Budget has reduced the incentive to invest for tax reasons. Since 1982 investment has grown at an average of 5 per cent a year.

Land-Rover chief to leave group

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Tony Gilroy, the managing director of Land-Rover who has led the company to record profits and output, is to leave the company in the new year "consequent upon organizational changes within the Rover Group," a Land-Rover spokesman said yesterday.

His departure follows the appointment of Mr George Simpson, who formerly reported to Mr Gilroy, to the post of managing director of Rover.

Mr Graham Day, the group chairman, said: "Tony Gilroy has made a major and valuable contribution.

"The Rover Group board wishes to record its appreciation of Tony's achievements," he said.

Land-Rover profits are this year expected to surpass last year's £22.5 million, with unit sales of Land-Rovers and Range Rovers likely to exceed 43,000.

Mr Gilroy, aged 52, who has been managing director since 1983, was not available for comment but it is understood that he does not have a new job to go to.

French to create jobs at former De Lorean plant

By Robert Rodwell

Montupet, the French car components manufacturer, plans to convert the former De Lorean car plant at Dunmurry, outside Belfast, into an aluminium foundry, initially to supply light-alloy cylinder head castings for car engines to Ford's Bridgend factory in South Wales.

Heads of agreement have been signed under which the French firm will take over the premises, idle since 1982, and the formal contract signing is expected before Christmas.

NI Industrial Development Board officials are quietly confident of securing the £30 million project which has been one of the most attractive "mobile" manufacturing investment schemes touted around Europe and has provoked intense competition. Up to half the money will come from public funds.

The aluminium foundry will result in the creation of several hundred jobs close to the most depressed areas of West Belfast, such as the Twinbrook district adjoining the 76-acre Dunmurry site. Conversion to Montupet's requirements will begin almost immediately after the deal is signed.

The ready availability of the premises, which are owned by the IDB, was an important factor behind Montupet's decision because the foundry is required to be in prodution within about 18 months, in phase with the introduction of Ford's new Zeta range of low-pollution engines, a project which is now running about 2½ years behind schedule.

The Belfast foundry is to be scaled to meet far more than Ford's Bridgend demands – Montupet hopes to win business from other car makers planning to establish UK engine plants, such as Nissan and Honda, while Dunmurry will also produce cast aluminium wheels.

Montupet currently employs 2,500 people at plants in France, Spain and Canada, where it diecasts light-alloy heads for Ford's US assembly lines.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings December 5 — *Last Dealings* December 16 — *Last Declaration* March 9 — *For Settlement* March 20

Call options were taken out on: 8/12/88 Wimpey, Owners Abroad, Metro Radio, RHM, Charter Consolidated, Hughes Foods, Pilkington, Trafalgar House, Walter Lawrence, Bernard Matthews, Sears, Rosehaugh, Hanson, Federated Housing, Coloroll.
Put: Next.
Put & Call: British Steel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*460)	420	45	51	–	4	9½	–
	460	18	36	48	16	25	33
	500	5½	17	29	48	51	55
Brit Air (*155)	140	18	24	27	3	5	7
	160	5	11	15	9	12	14
	180	1	4½	9	27	27	30
Brit Com (*214)	220	7½	17	21	9	14	16
	240	3	7	12	28	28	32
	260	1½	3	7	46	47	50
Brit Steel (*60)	50	11¼	12½	14	¼	1½	3
	60	3	6	8	2½	4¾	6¾
	70	¾	2¼	4	10¾	10½	13½
BP (*244)	220	28	31	34	1¼	4¾	5¾
	240	11½	14½	20½	5	13	14
	280	2¾	6	11½	17	26	26
Bass (*773)	750	27	52	75	18	22	25
	800	8	25	47	55	55	57
	850	2	11	27	105	105	107
C & W (*363)	360	16	32	45	12	19	25
	390	4½	16	27	32	37	45
	420	1	8	16	60	60	70
Cons Gold (*1208)	1150	115	160	190	32	65	85
	1200	85	130	160	60	92	105
	1250	50	105	–	85	115	–
Courtauld (*247)	220	33	40	45	2	4	7½
	240	17	28	31	5	10	15
	260	7	16	21	16	19	25
Com Union (*324)	300	30	37	42	4	9	11
	330	8	17	24	15	24	27
	360	3	7	14	40	47	48
GKN (*300)	300	14	22	30	11	17	20
	330	3	8	16	33	37	39
	360	1	2½	7	63	63	65
Grand Met (*445)	420	36	42	58	4	12	15
	454	13	21	–	17	25	–
	493	3	9¼	–	50	55	–
ICI (*973)	950	48	68	90	14	35	41
	1000	20	38	65	37	58	65
	1050	7	20	44	82	97	100
	1100	3	10	30	132	135	138
Jaguar (*263)	240	31	39	50	3½	10	12
	260	16	23	36	9	18	22
	280	6	13	26	21	31	32
Land Sec (*557)	550	23	43	55	14	22	25
	600	6	20	30	50	49	55
	650	1½	7	15	100	100	105
M & S (*143)	140	7½	14	18	5	7	8
	160	1½	5	9	20	20½	21
	180	1	2	5	40	40	42
STC (*265)	260	15	25	33	8	13	15
	280	7	13	22	19	22	24
	300	2½	6	13	36	37	41
Sainsbury (*191)	180	16	22	25	2½	5	9
	200	5	11	16	11	14	17
	220	1½	5	9	30	31	32
Shell (*991)	950	65	85	105	10	27	30
	1000	33	52	75	28	48	50
	1050	12	28	50	50	80	82
Storehse (*186)	180	20	27	32	13	16	21
	200	9	18	23	23	28	34
	220	6½	12	16	40	42	45
Trafalgar (*291)	280	13	22	–	8	12	–
	300	5	12	17	22	22	28
	330	1½	4	7	52	52	52
Utd Bisc (*275)	280	11	24	30	13	17	22
	300	5	15	21	27	29	33
	330	2½	7	13	57	57	57
Ultramar (*271)	235	45	53	–	6	10	–
	255	29	40	–	12	22	–
	275	18	28	–	25	32	–
Woolworth (*233)	240	9	18	22	10	14	17
	260	4	9	13	28	29	30
	280	1½	6	9	46	48	48

	Series	Jan	Apr	Aug	Jan	Apr	Aug
GEC (*177)	140	41	43	–	1	1½	–
	160	22	24	32	2	4	7
	180	6½	13	17	7½	10½	14

	Series	Jan	Apr	Jun	Jan	Apr	Jun
R-Royce (*127)	120	12	17	20	3½	5½	6
	130	4½	10	13	7	9½	12
	140	1½	6	9	14	14	18
TSB (*107)	100	10	12	–	1	2½	–
	110	3	5	8	6	7	8
	120	½	3	4½	14	15	15

	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke (*426)	390	48	–	–	3	–	–
	420	26	34	44	11	13	19
	460	8½	15	22	38	39	42

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*442)	420	44	52	65	13	22	26
	460	19	26	40	30	41	48
	500	7	14	25	62	73	78
BAA (*263)	240	31	40	–	3	6	–
	260	15	26	33	7	11	14
	280	6	14	22	19	22	24
BAT Ind (*429)	420	28	37	47	10	17	21
	460	9	16	26	34	39	44
	500	2½	6	–	74	75	–
Brit Tele (*255)	220	38	45	–	1½	3½	–
	240	20	29	35	4	6	10
	260	8	15	20	13	15	20
Cadbury (*332)	330	25	34	43	17	25	27
	360	11	21	30	35	41	43
	390	5½	12	20	62	65	66
Guinness (*329)	300	38	46	52	1½	6	7
	330	17	24	30	12	16	17
	360	4	9	17	34	34	35
LASMO (*441)	420	48	65	80	17	29	37
	460	25	43	55	38	50	55
	500	15½	25	38	66	75	80

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
P & O (*533)	500	50	60	70	4	11	16
	550	17	27	37	23	35	35
	600	6	10	18	72	73	75
Pilkington (*194)	200	9	17	20	12	14	18
	220	4	9	12	30	31	32
	240	1½	5	5	50	51	52
Plessey (*210)	200	20	28	32	8	11	13
	220	11	18	21	19	21	23
	240	4½	11	14	33	35	36
Prudential (*147)	140	14	17	18	3½	7	8
	160	4	5	7	15	18	18
	180	1	3	–	35	35	–
Racal (*251)	240	30	38	44	4½	8	11
	260	18	28	33	11	14	18
	280	8	18	23	25	28	30
RTZ (*424)	390	50	60	–	8	15	–
	420	30	42	50	17	28	30
	460	12	22	32	42	48	52
Vaal Reefs (*572)	60	17	18	19	1½	4	6
	70	7	11	13	6	9	10
	80	4	6	7	13	14	15

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*148)	140	14	22	28	3½	7	9
	160	4	12	18	14	18	19
	180	1	7	12	33	35	34
Barclays (*404)	360	45	–	–	1	–	–
	395	13	–	–	4	–	–
	429	1	–	–	33	–	–
Blue Circ (*427)	420	14	32	38	5	17	24
	460	2	15	20	36	35	46
	500	1	6	10	76	76	80
Dixons (*138)	140	4	11	17	6	11	15
	160	1	5	8	24	26	28
	180	1	2	–	44	44	–
Glaxo (*1051)	1050	25	83	–	19	42	–
	1100	8	56	87	50	67	75
	1150	2	37	65	100	102	108
Hawker (*522)	500	26	48	58	3	12	18
	550	3	20	28	32	37	45
	600	1	8	10	82	82	85
Hillsdown (*240)	240	9	18	22	5	8	13
	260	1	8	14	21	20	22
	280	½	3	8	41	41	42
Lonrho (*350)	330	25	47	60	6	25	32
	360	7	31	46	18	40	52
	390	2½	19	38	46	64	70
Midland (*410)	390	23	33	40	1½	11	13
	420	3	14	20	13	30	30
	460	1	4	9	53	60	60
Sears (*108)	110	4	10½	14	6	10½	14
	120	1½	7	10	14	17	19
	130	1	5	7	23	25	28
THF (*256)	240	19	27	37	1	8	11½
	260	4	15½	26	5½	17	20
	280	¾	8	17	25	33	34
Thorn EMI (*620)	600	22	45	65	4	18	23
	650	3	18	37	38	45	52
	700	1	8	18	88	92	100
Wellcome (*407)	420	5	26	39	15	24	27
	460	1½	12	21	54	54	54
	500	1	5	12	94	94	94

	Series	Dec	Apr	Jul	Dec	Apr	Jul
Boots (*216)	200	16	28	37	1	7	12
	220	3	17	24	8	13	17½
	240	1	8½	15	26	27	29

	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Brit Gas (*158)	140	19½	21	25	¾	2	2¾
	160	2½	6¾	11½	6¾	9	9
	180	¾	1¾	4¼	25½	26	26½

	Series	Jan			Jan		
RHM (*345)	330	26	–	–	7	–	–
	360	9	–	–	19	–	–
	390	4½	–	–	48	–	–

	Series	Dec	Mar	Jul	Dec	Mar	Jul
Beecham (*457)	420	41	59	73	1½	8	12
	460	9	30	45	9½	18	24
	500	2	13	26	45	45	48
Unilever (*443)	420	29	47	58	2½	8	13
	460	4	19	32	20	25	30
	500	1	9	18	58	62	62

	Series	Dec	Mar	May	Dec	Mar	May
BTR (*286)	260	29	40	–	1	2½	–
	280	12	24	26	2	8	11
	300	2	13	14	15	18	21
Hanson (*156)	130	26	26	–	½	1¼	–
	140	16	17½	19½	½	2¾	3¼
	160	1	5	8	11½	12½	13
Tesco (*129)	130	3	9	12	4	7	9½
	140	1½	6	7	13	16	18
	160	1	2	2½	33	34	36

	Series	Jan	Mar		Jan	Mar	
Enterprise (*480)	480	55	68	–	17	30	–
	500	27	45	–	40	50	–
	550	15	27	–	75	85	–
Scot & New (*383)	390	16	32	–	9	18	–
	420	6	18	–	33	40	–
	460	1½	9	–	72	75	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1757)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1700	83	927	107	115	5	15½	21	25
1750	38	53	72	80	15	26	34	40
1800	11	26	40	53	44	54	60	68
1850	2½	13	22	30	95	97	97	101
1900	1	6	10	17	145	147	148	148
1950	½	2	4	–	195	197	198	–

December 8, 1988 Total: 43808 Calls 25861 Puts 17947 FT-SE: Calls 3919 Puts 5566
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Apollo Watch (58p)	25 –½
BMSS (118p)	118
Bletchley Motor (200p)	190
Bostrom (135p)	145 –1
Brit Steel P/P (60p)	59¾ –¾
Bucknall Aust (110p)	110
Builder Gp (125p)	153 –3
Caldwell Inv	28
Capital Leasing (44p)	
Channel Express (70p)	78 –2
Chieftain Group (92p)	100
Colonade (138p)	134
Com-Tek 16 1-(2p)	16½ +½
Darby Group (115p)	141
Dawsongroup (154p)	151 –3
EW Fact (84p)	91
Edinburgh Hibernian (55p)	63
Heritage (95p)	140 –5
JSB Elec (165p)	70
Kromagraphic (10p)	16½ +½
Metro Radio	130
Nat Telecom (120p)	136
Portmirion Pots (180p)	183
Racal Telecom (170p)	159 –½
Riva (110p)	115 –1
SMAC Group (93p)	93
SWP (20p)	30
Specialeyes (77p)	64
Swallowfield (145p)	161
Unit Group (140p)	147

RIGHTS ISSUES

Amercoeur N/P	1½
Elect Mach N/P	8 –2
Goal Pet N/P	¾ –1¼
Hickson N/P	11 –3
Pavillion N/P	10 –10
Quadrant N/P	5 –1
Select N/P	6½
Woodingtons N/P	

Venture Plant to seek £4.6m USM flotation

By Rosemary Unsworth

Venture Plant, a specialist piling equipment group which supplies the construction industry, is coming to the USM via a 41 per cent placing to raise £4.6 million.

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Company Secretary

9th December, 1988

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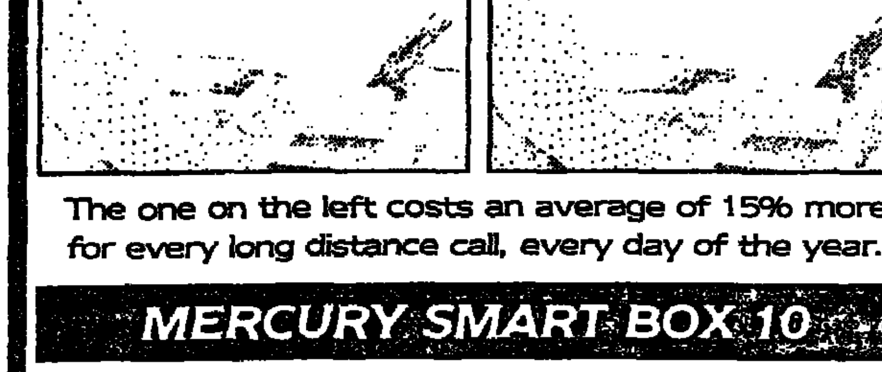

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Record Profits and Further Growth

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT
Results for the year ended 30th September, 1988

	1988 £m	1987 £m
Turnover	382.7	323.7
Profit before Tax	24.4	16.2
Shareholders' funds	93.4	75.1
Dividends per Ordinary share	6.65p	5.0p
Earnings per Ordinary share	28.0p	20.6p
Net asset value per Ordinary share	163.8p	132.5p

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- ☐ Profit before Tax increases for fourteenth successive year to £24.4m .... +51%
- ☐ Dividend .... +33%
- ☐ Earnings per share .... +36%
- ☐ Record profits from residential development
- ☐ Partnership and Urban Renewal work in hand exceeds £400m
- ☐ Construction order book at record level
- ☐ Buoyant year for Commercial Developments – good growth prospects

"The record level of orders in Urban Renewal, Commercial Development and Construction will, it is believed, more than offset any reduction in the demand for private housing in the current year. The impact of recent increases in interest rates must give rise to some caution but the Directors are of the opinion that the Group's progress will continue through 1989."

Sir Norman Wakefield, Chairman

The 1988 Annual Report and Accounts will be sent to Shareholders on 16th December, 1988.

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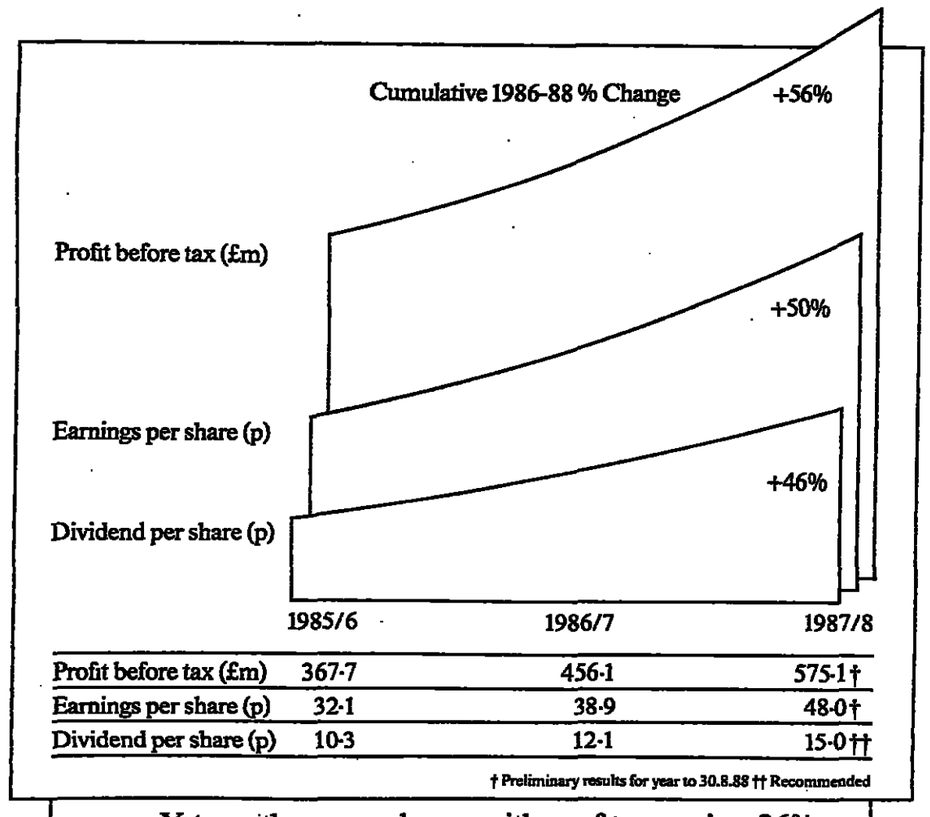
Added value.



	1985/6	1986/7	1987/8
Profit before tax (£m)	367·7	456·1	575·1†
Earnings per share (p)	32·1	38·9	48·0†
Dividend per share (p)	10·3	12·1	15·0††

† Preliminary results for year to 30.8.88 †† Recommended

Yet another record year with profits growing 26%.

Over the two year period since September 30th 1986 earnings per share increased by 50% and dividends per share by 46%. In the same period cumulative profits growth reached 56%.

Recent strategic and operational realignments have strongly positioned Grand Metropolitan to become one of the world's leading food, drinks and retailing companies.

Development will be balanced between Western Europe, North America and Japan/Far East based on strong brands, a first class property portfolio, robust cash generation and in-depth management excellence.

This powerful combination and clear strategy will continue adding value to Grand Metropolitan throughout the 1990s.

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....adding value

Grand Metropolitan PLC, 11-12 Hanover Square, London W1A 1DP. Grand Metropolitan Inc., 100 Paragon Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645, USA.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt/Fixed	111.2	117.9●	+0.5	8.46
High Inc Equity	114.6	122.6	+0.6	4.85
W'wide Bond	185.0	198.1●	+1.2	4.95
Amer Growth	139.5	149.2	+1.8	1.59
Asian Pacific	62.94	67.32●	+0.37	1.38
Assets/Earns	134.7	144.1●	..	1.71
Capit Res	81.41	81.58	+0.23	4.90
Comm/Energy	84.08	89.91	+0.11	7.35
Euro Capit	72.50	77.12	..	0.97
General	149.8	159.3	+0.3	2.82
Japan	96.64	102.8	+0.53	0.00
UK Gth Inc	112.5	120.4	-0.9	2.21
Do Acc	167.5	179.2	-1.4	1.48
US Emerg Cos	39.17	41.90	+0.38	0.00
Income/Gth	248.5	265.8●	+1.6	3.57
MastersLAcc	69.91	74.78	+0.28	1.63
Amer Inc	41.21	44.08	+0.27	8.22
Ethical	41.99	44.67	-0.11	2.80
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6801 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	37.84	40.25	+0.52	2.24
Australian	22.03	23.44	+0.31	1.48
Euro	46.55	49.34	-0.02	0.00
Extra Inc	37.03	39.30●	+0.12	5.59
Invest	100.2	108.5	+1.8	2.39
Do Acc	152.8	182.3	+2.9	2.39
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.66	23.04●	-0.01	10.36
Global Inc	34.18	36.36	+0.26	5.30
Inc Growth	62.88	66.89	+0.14	4.53
Jap & Genrl	168.3	179.1	+1.3	0.01
N Am Inc	24.17	25.66	+0.27	4.23
Spec Sits	60.21	64.05	+0.15	1.37
UK Growth	30.40	32.27	+0.11	2.87
World Gth	38.90	41.29●	+0.24	0.65
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Inc	282.0	300.3	..	5.19
Equity Inc	163.1	173.7	..	4.86
High Yield	167.1	177.9●	..	5.59
Balanced	394.9	420.5●	..	3.70
Am Inc	25.55	28.27	..	4.56
World Ass Val	27.48	29.26	..	0.89
Japan	146.2	155.6c	..	0.01
Sec of Am	168.8	179.7●	..	1.07
Asset Value	316.0	336.5●	..	3.86
O'seas Earn	204.9	218.2●	..	3.21
Recov	95.74	101.9●	..	2.77
UK Spec Sits	248.5	264.5	..	3.36
Smlr Cos	158.4	168.6	..	2.09
Capit	238.5	251.8	..	3.00
Am Spec Sit	58.08	61.85	..	2.07
Ind	89.65	95.47	..	1.09
Growth/Inc	144.0	153.3	..	3.84
Euro Gth	18.29	19.47	..	1.29
Pacific	220.2	234.5c	..	0.29
2nd Smlr Co	172.1	183.2	..	2.25
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	78.22	81.30	+0.42	3.49
Euro Gth Inc	65.24	69.59	+0.22	0.96
Extra Inc	91.45	97.55	+0.28	5.08
General	162.6	173.4	+0.6	3.43
Gt/Fxd Income	52.52	54.14●	+0.01	8.71
Inc Trust	392.3	418.4	+1.5	4.27
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer EVS	54.78	58.11	+0.83	1.40
Australia	61.16	65.87●	+1.03	0.00
East	75.32	81.24	+0.92	1.10
Equity Inc	65.23	69.22●	+0.08	5.30
Europe	123.1	130.7●	..	0.20
Exmpt	56.03	57.17	-0.56	3.10
Growth/Inc	73.7	78.2	..	2.70
Do Acc	116.3	123.5	-0.1	2.70
Global Gth	59.35	62.98●	+0.29	0.00
Jap Spec	147.3	157.2	-0.1	0.00
Jap Sunrise	142.8	152.4	+1.9	0.00
1st Europe	117.3	124.5	+0.5	1.20
1st Jap	107.8	115.0	+1.3	0.60
1st N Am	42.16	44.74	+0.62	1.00
1st Smlr Cos	85.79	91.03	-0.08	1.40
N Am Spec	39.75	42.18	+0.57	0.60
UK Growth	58.25	61.81	+0.05	2.40
Select Man Fd	45.71	48.50	+0.09	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	140.8	150.7	-0.9	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	278.9	302.6	-1.0	0.90
Do Inc	176.5	191.5	-0.5	1.29
High Inc	72.87	77.97	..	5.70
Income	89.12	95.36	-1.95	5.34
Man Portf Inc	82.24	88.00	+0.27	2.84
Do Acc	139.7	149.5	-0.3	2.20
Nth Amer	44.41	47.52c	+0.33	0.35
Orient	101.0	108.0●	-0.3	0.28
Exmpt	257.3	271.5●	-0.5	2.78
Recov	61.4	65.7●	-0.3	1.82
German	23.59	25.12●	-0.15	1.60
Intl Recov	24.14	25.84●	+0.04	0.90
Europe	15.81	16.82	+0.01	3.80
Com Genrl	23.36	25.00●	-0.04	6.89
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emer Gth Inc	58.21	61.76	-0.28	1.87
Do Acc	58.65	62.23	-0.29	1.87
Fellowship Inc	58.16	61.71	-0.16	1.59
Genrl Inc 4	248.5	262.8●	+1.4	2.75
Do Acc 4	413.3	437.1	+2.3	2.75
Inc Fund 3	138.3	144.6	+0.2	4.16
Do Acc 3	260.3	276.2	+0.3	4.16
Intl Inc 2	101.7	107.6	+0.5	1.64
Do Acc 2	137.8	145.7	+0.5	1.64
Smlr Inc 5	93.40	98.77	-0.26	1.52
Do Acc	101.5	107.3	-1.2	1.52
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sml Gt Fxd Int	52.21	52.92	+0.05	1.37
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	33.11	35.22s	+0.23	2.91
Income	42.47	45.18s	-0.16	4.60
Far East	29.04	30.89s	-0.05	0.22
Nth Amer	25.73	27.48s	+0.23	0.75
Global	42.09	44.78	-0.10	0.77
European	42.24	44.94	-0.09	1.19
Japan	86.56	92.09	-0.18	0.01
Strategic Opp	49.59	52.76	+0.19	1.42
Do Acc	47.56	50.55●	+0.17	5.19
Intl Currency	43.42	45.84	-0.15	6.00
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-929 6363				
Capit	393.9	420.3	-2.9	3.32
Euro S S	51.11	54.54c	+0.22	2.98
Far East S S	51.59	55.05c	-0.65	0.65
Gold Gen S S	52.33	55.84	+0.60	2.09
Income	339.8	362.6	+5.0	5.35
Intl Sp Sits	48.69	51.53	+1.07	2.80
Amer Index	98.78	104.3	+4.00	1.92

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Portf	46.74	49.95	+0.09	3.50
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	448.2		..	5.18
Fixed Int	141.15		..	10.13
Deposit	100.0		..	11.80
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	422.93		..	5.37
Acc	213.5559			
Deposit	100.0		..	12.40
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6822				
Man Retmnt	22.82	24.07		
SC Spec Sits	67.01	70.70		0.00
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	17.98	19.11	+0.27	0.36
Atlas Gth	21.68	22.96●	+0.21	0.30
Dragon Gth	22.91	24.36	+0.28	1.26
Equity Hi Inc	54.85	57.54●	-0.05	5.19
Do Acc	56.83	59.51	-0.05	5.19
Euro Growth	26.07	27.73●	+0.07	0.77
Genrl Equity	45.69	48.32	-0.02	2.95
G/F Intrst Gth	33.10	34.75	-0.07	8.09
Gt/Fxd Income	24.36	25.57	+0.03	8.92
Intl Inc	21.18	22.53●	+0.10	5.46
Jap Growth	48.60	51.92	+0.60	0.00
Pedigree Gth	27.14	28.87	-0.05	2.38
Spec Sits	33.69	35.84	-0.17	2.14
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK/Gen Inc	51.41	54.69●	+0.10	3.14
Do Acc	54.19	57.65●	+0.11	3.14
Inc	52.30	55.64●	+0.11	4.19
Do Acc	56.07	59.65●	+0.11	4.19
W'wide Inc	41.95	44.87	+0.19	0.64
Do Acc	42.50	45.45	+0.19	0.64
Gamma Inc	34.13	36.31	..	1.58
Do Acc	34.28	36.47	..	1.58
Am Gth	48.92	52.04	+1.03	0.50
Euro Gth	56.30	59.89	+0.15	0.54
Far East	64.50	68.62	+0.50	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Int	46.49	48.98	+0.06	8.12
World Bond	47.04	49.78	+0.13	5.49
Private Inv Pt	46.88	49.59●	+0.16	5.49
Profess Inv Pt	48.94	52.06●	+0.27	3.69
Progress Inv Pt	48.94	52.06●	+0.27	3.69
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	101.1	108.1	+1.6	0.94
Canadian Gth	19.39	20.74●	+0.08	2.12
Euro	94.01	100.5	+0.21	0.49
Gth Trust	259.0	277.0	-0.3	3.13
High Inc	310.1	331.6	-1.1	4.91
Intl Tech	102.8	109.9	+1.1	1.08
Investment	25.62	27.40●	+0.03	0.93
Japanese	245.6	262.6	+1.8	0.00
Man Int	27.82	29.54	+0.11	3.29
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737 242424				
Euro Growth	54.05	57.68●	+0.15	2.34
Euro Spec Sits	39.96	42.72	+0.11	1.41
Intl	45.88	48.45●	+0.18	0.50
N Am Gth	39.88	42.37	+0.72	1.95
Pacific Gth	52.06	55.70●	+0.30	2.82
UK Gth Accum	64.40	68.26	+0.27	3.45
Do Dist	61.27	65.88	+0.26	3.45
UK Income	54.58	58.48	+0.37	5.11
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
Amer	54.45	57.85●	+0.74	1.73
Capit	125.2	133.0	-0.7	1.50
Convertible	22.96	24.39●	+0.02	7.89
Eurofund	23.77	25.21	+0.03	1.19
Growth/Inc	178.7	189.9	+0.5	4.34
High Dist	144.8	153.9●	+0.3	5.52
Intl	203.4	216.1	+0.9	1.04
Pacific	23.25	24.70	+0.22	1.21
Resrces	20.03	21.28	+0.19	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	40.78	43.23	..	0.00
Tokyo	203.2	215.4	+1.9	0.00
Ex Am 2	106.6	109.5	..	2.06
Ex Jap 3	125.8	129.2●	+0.4	0.17
Ex Pacific 4	349.9	359.5	..	0.24
Ex Smlr Jap 4	241.2	247.9	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	78.29	80.94●	+0.34	3.01
Do Acc	81.06	86.00●	+0.36	2.83
UK Gth Accum	114.3	121.3	+0.2	2.25
Uk High Inc	88.19	93.57●	+0.12	4.68
N Amer Acc	59.18	63.12	+0.10	1.11
Far East Acc	120.5	128.5	+0.3	0.60
Euro Acc	74.46	79.42	+0.10	1.31
UK Gth/Fi Inc	54.78	57.59●	+0.24	9.03
Do Acc	65.81	69.18●	+0.30	7.52
Intl Sp S Acc	38.42	40.98	+0.02	1.64
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966				
Endurance	115.4	122.7	..	2.01
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtbe Pelican	88.83	94.51	-0.09	4.13
High Inc	93.53	99.50●	-0.02	5.43
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.14	54.41	-0.03	7.72
T Of Inv Ts	86.99	92.55	+0.52	2.38
Spec Sits	97.33	103.5	..	3.04
N Am	55.20	58.73	+0.93	1.36
Far East	120.5	128.2	+1.59	0.31
Intl Gth	55.62	59.18	+0.32	2.03
Euro	41.86	44.54	+0.22	1.59
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	171.5	182.5●	-0.2	4.00
Do Inc	139.7	148.7●	-0.1	4.00
Higher Inc Acc	323.6	344.3●	+0.5	5.08
Do Inc	239.1	254.4●	+0.3	5.08
Gilt/Fxd Acc	113.3	119.0	+0.5	9.05
Do Inc	81.46	85.61	+0.36	9.05
N Am Acc	104.5	111.2	+1.7	0.51
Far East Acc	211.7	225.3●	+2.2	0.00
Euro Acc	142.2	151.3	+0.4	0.00
Genrl	246.4	262.2	+0.2	4.21
Br Excellence	38.32	40.77●	-0.05	3.55
Br Founds Inc	47.61	50.65	+0.15	6.78
Do Acc	49.13	52.27	+0.15	6.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Cos	61.55	65.82	+1.28	0.64

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UK Inc Fund	88.56	94.70	-0.08	5.72
Far East	86.72	92.75	-0.17	0.00
O'seas Income	58.72	62.80●	+0.60	4.56
Fixed Interest	52.06	54.61●	+0.18	10.15
Natrl Res	53.82	57.57	+0.10	2.10
Euro Income	63.00	67.33	+0.18	3.42
Financials	44.90	48.03	+0.01	2.47
Intl Tech	93.14	99.62	+0.37	0.61
UK Growth	63.65	68.28	-0.25	2.36
US Major	42.77	45.52	+0.63	0.66
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	63.79	67.87	-0.42	1.25
Do Inc	61.76	65.70	-0.40	1.25
High Yield Acc	28.95	30.80	-0.07	5.70
Do Inc	26.58	28.28	-0.07	5.70
Inc Gth Acc	54.33	57.79●	-0.04	5.00
Do Inc	45.42	48.32●	-0.03	5.00
Service Co Acc	64.52	68.64●	-0.11	1.50
Do Inc	62.2	66.7●	-0.4	1.50
Am Gth Acc	23.10	24.57	+0.16	0.50
Do Inc	22.85	24.30	+0.15	0.50
Euro Gth Acc	17.09	18.18	-0.05	0.20
Do Inc	16.90	17.98	-0.05	0.20
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	98.59	104.3●	+1.88	0.73
Am Equity Inc	25.55	27.12	+0.36	5.71
Am Spec Sits	48.80	51.68	+0.66	0.59
Australia	25.30	26.91	+0.41	1.70
European	64.23	68.33	+0.35	..
Euro Inc	21.16	22.52	+0.02	4.08
Global Conv	20.84	22.25c	+0.10	5.70
Far East Inc	38.41	40.86●	+0.11	3.43
Gt/Fxd Interest	26.73	28.85●	-0.21	10.03
Growth/Inc	111.8	120.1●	+0.2	4.63
Jap Spec Sits	74.55	79.24	+0.29	..
Japan	161.3	171.6	+0.7	..
Managed Int	120.5	128.2	+0.3	0.28
Inc Plus	103.0	110.5●	+0.2	5.31
Famous Name	39.11	41.97	-0.12	1.64
SE Asia	40.17	42.73	+0.36	0.87
Spec Sits	271.5	291.2	-2.1	0.52
East Opps	23.28	24.75	+0.12	0.00
Intl Bond	24.04	25.38	+0.30	7.39
Recov	27.34	28.92	-0.10	2.29
Moneybuilder	25.87	27.56	+0.05	2.25
Euro Ops 1992	..	..	..	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	159.4	169.8	+1.7	..
Do Acc	161.8	172.2	+1.7	..
Am T'rnd Inc	190.2	201.2	+1.8	..
Do Acc	197.3	208.7	+1.8	..
Capit Inc	249.2	263.7	-0.8	2.37
Do Acc	312.3	330.4	-1.1	2.37
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.2	110.2c	-0.3	6.41
Do Acc	149.2	157.8c	-0.5	6.42
Euro Inc	60.21	63.71	+0.10	0.93
Do Acc	60.71	64.24	+0.10	0.93
Extra Inc Inc	232.5	246.0	..	4.95
Do Acc	267.1	282.6	..	4.95
Financial Acc	44.08	46.62	+0.26	0.98
Do Inc	43.66	46.20	+0.26	0.98
Inc Trust	156.0	165.0●	+0.1	4.89
Do Acc	178.7	189.0●	+0.2	4.89
Intl Gth	132.5	140.3	+1.3	..
Do Acc	147.3	155.8	+1.5	..
Jap & Gen Inc	124.2	131.4	+1.1	..
Do Acc	125.4	132.6	+1.0	..
Monthly Inc	121.7	129.7●	+0.2	5.01
PEP 87	57.12	●	+0.31	3.86
PEP 88	52.18	55.21	+0.09	3.24
Recov	175.5	185.7	+0.5	2.08
Do Acc	193.9	205.1	+0.4	2.08
Smlr Inc	56.35	59.62	-0.27	3.39
Do Acc	57.31	60.64	-0.28	3.39
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	227.4	241.1●	..	3.26
Do Acc	401.5	425.5●	..	3.26
Euro Gth Dist	59.44	63.07	..	0.45
Do Acc	59.80	63.45	..	0.45
Fixed Int Dist	111.8	117.7●	..	6.80
Do Acc	150.8	158.9●	..	6.80
Int Gth Dist	53.70	56.98●	..	0.53
Do Acc	54.12	57.42●	..	0.53
N Am Dist	105.3	111.4	..	1.59
Do Acc	107.7	114.0	..	1.59
Pac Basin Dist	182.7	193.8	..	0.14
Do Acc	182.9	194.0	..	0.14
Stwd Dist	226.9	240.5●	..	1.73
Do Acc	241.8	258.0●	..	1.73
Stwd Inc Dist	58.5	62.0●	..	3.97
Do Acc	60.38	64.00●	..	3.97
NAm Stwd Dist	50.61	53.57	..	0.89
Do Acc	51.24	54.23	..	0.89
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	52.32	55.96	+0.57	0.00
UK Cap Inc	128.8	137.5	+0.5	3.15
Do Acc	192.5	205.9	+0.8	3.15
Do Spec Sits	51.75	55.65	-0.70	1.85
Inc Fund	100.8	107.6	+0.2	5.70
Intl	169.9	181.5	+0.9	1.14
US/Genrl	41.31	44.12	+0.64	1.62
Jap & Genrl	302.1	323.1	+0.9	0.30
Far East/Gen	125.3	134.1	+1.0	1.55
Euro	242.2	259.1	+1.2	0.22
Germany	57.90	61.65	+0.48	2.03
Intl Inc	46.73	49.98●	+0.32	8.85
W'wd Spec Sit	58.37	62.43	+0.23	3.86
Global Prp Inc	47.58	50.96	-0.17	3.08
Do Acc	47.58	50.96	-0.17	3.08
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-238 3865 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	68.59	71.41	..	2.69
Do Dist	55.75	59.78	+0.01	2.69
Chelt UK Gth	23.97	25.43	-0.04	3.24
Man Exmpt	267.7	278.8●	..	1.66
Pract Inv Inc	68.97	71.81	+0.17	2.50
Do Acc	127.0	136.2	+0.30	2.50
UK Sel Opps	62.79	67.33	..	0.00
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	57.41	61.40●	-0.06	6.51
Fxd Interest	28.70	30.89	+0.02	7.91
High Inc	30.05	32.13s	-0.41	5.12
Income	98.52	105.3	+0.10	3.53
Intl Fxd Int	23.90	25.16c	+0.05	7.15
UK Sml Cos	101.3	108.7	+0.45	1.62
International Trusts				
Commod Shre	56.14	60.04	-0.01	1.88
Frontier Mkts	24.86	26.50	+0.12	0.67
Global	154.1	164.4●	+1.47	0.89
Do Dist	146.1	155.8●	+1.38	0.89
Glob Inc/Gth	68.13	72.85	+0.28	4.55
Gold Share	13.83	14.84●	+0.37	2.05
Intl Sel Opps	101.2	108.2	+0.33	1.39
W'wide Recov	84.56	90.43c	+0.30	1.65
Overseas Trusts				
American	62.71	66.82	+0.96	1.06
Am Sel Opp	25.30	27.08	+0.40	0.00
Australian	13.19	14.08	+0.18	2.82
European	46.83	49.83	+0.01	0.94
Euro Sel Opp	60.37	64.20	+1.00	0.82
Far East	128.9	137.0	+1.12	0.13

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Hedged Am	32.27	34.29●	+0.24	0.80
Hong Kong	31.05	33.15	+0.35	2.71
Japan	138.9	147.9	+1.14	0.00
Jap S/Opp	70.44	74.86●	-0.01	0.00
Pacific Gth	45.43	48.41●	+0.34	1.05
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-638 0525				
Intl Gth	88.35	93.98	+0.12	1.19
Amer Growth	54.73	58.21	+0.53	0.78
Amer Inc	57.29	60.94	+0.69	4.27
Euro Growth	47.29	50.29●	-0.04	1.17
Gold/Mins	44.40	47.23	+0.29	0.72
Jap Growth	68.49	72.85●	+0.71	..
Pacific Inc	66.75	69.29	+0.79	3.34
Pacific Strat	41.66	44.31	+0.30	0.41
UK Prog Inc	66.24	70.46●	+0.52	4.72
UK Spec Opps	139.9	148.8	+0.57	1.56
Gt British	37.13	39.50	+0.35	3.48
UK Sml Co	36.18	38.48s	+0.13	1.86
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 5903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	113.6	118.0	+0.4	9.45
Gth Equity	235.4	249.1●	+0.1	2.86
Guardhill	320.0	331.6	+1.0	3.30
Inc Tst	96.11	101.7c	-0.48	4.48
Intl	108.8	115.1	+0.8	0.38
N Amer	115.4	122.1	+1.6	1.80
Pacific	268.3	284.9	+1.3	0.89
Prop Share	351.7	372.2	-1.8	2.16
Smlr Cos	278.7	294.9	-0.5	1.95
Euro	246.6	264.1●	-1.1	1.33
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	40.91	43.53●	+0.20	0.80
High Inc	86.42	91.94	+0.10	6.57
N Am	105.8	112.4	+0.7	0.60
Pacific Gth	40.84	43.45	+0.34	0.50
Recov	318.3	336.5	+0.8	2.23
St Vin Inc	102.4	105.1	+0.4	6.22
St Vin US Gth	43.52	47.42	+0.37	1.09
TB Sml Cos	256.8	270.9	..	3.47
TBUSF	152.9	165.9●	..	3.23
Euro Gth Tst	46.86	49.88	..	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	51.76	54.91	+0.82	6.81
Canadian	40.62	43.10●	+0.16	0.21
Equity Inc	100.8	107.3●	+0.2	6.06
Euro	84.31	89.46	+0.32	1.35
High Inc	78.77	83.80	+0.18	6.84
Intl Sits	45.10	48.85	-0.06	2.07
Jap & Far East	127.1	134.9●	+0.7	0.01
N Am	52.75	55.97●	+0.69	1.68
Recov/Asset	59.40	63.37	+0.08	1.15
Scandinavian	79.13	83.98	+0.50	1.49
Smlr Cos	32.61	34.70s	-0.02	1.59
UK New Genrn	37.92	40.35	+0.03	1.68
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	91.12	96.93●	+1.26	0.00
Am Smlr Cos	38.92	40.35	+0.37	0.00
Australian	103.7	110.8	+1.6	1.48
Best of World	48.83	49.82	..	2.10
Capit Gth Inc	59.90	64.53	+0.04	2.43
Do Acc	71.80	77.35	+0.05	2.43
European	218.2	233.3●	+1.4	0.98
Euro Inc	42.53	45.44	+0.21	3.92
Euro Smlr Cos	80.36	85.94●	-0.35	0.06
Extra Inc	220.6	239.1	+0.4	4.60
Financial	164.2	180.1●	-0.6	2.32
Fixed Interest	51.59	55.63●	+0.07	9.74
Gilt	38.09	41.16●	+0.07	11.43
Global H'care	74.28	79.73	+1.04	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	59.92	64.16c	+0.42	4.82
Global Resrces	61.9	66.7	+0.2	2.49
Global Tech	88.50	95.32	+0.85	0.02
Gold	25.30	27.26	+0.23	0.00
High Inc	229.7	246.7●	+0.1	4.44
Hong Kong	54.6	58.3	+0.7	0.00
Income/Gth Inc	171.1	184.6●	+0.2	3.75
Do Acc	361.8	390.2●	+0.4	3.75
Inc Assets	125.3	134.8	+0.2	4.32
Intl	150.4	161.0	+1.9	0.66
Jap Spec Sits	210.5	224.8	+1.8	0.00
Jap	196.5	209.9	+0.3	0.00
Nth Amer	113.8	122.4	+1.9	0.42
Pac Smlr Cos	85.95	92.30	+0.75	0.00
Pension Man	42.14	43.73c	-0.07	3.32
Pref/Gilt	53.65	58.84●	+0.01	10.31
Recov	132.2	145.0	-0.2	2.40
Singap Malay	32.88	35.14	+0.32	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	165.4	182.3●	-0.6	3.77
Spec Sits Inc	175.1	191.7	-0.7	1.47
Do Acc	252.3	276.2	-1.0	1.47
W'wide	460.3	497.6	..	..
Euro Exmpt	105.6	109.8	+0.3	0.70
Glo Tec Exmpt	61.79	64.38●	+0.39	0.00
Hl Inc Exmpt	157.2	165.4●	-0.2	4.52
Jap Exmpt	188.1	208.1	+1.7	0.00
N Am Exmpt	77.27	80.66●	+1.13	0.64
Pacific Exmpt	172.4	179.7●	+3.0	2.72
Smlr Co Exmpt	161.8	173.1●	-0.5	2.10
Best of British	36.73	39.31●	+0.08	3.55
Spirit Of East	38.22	40.94	+0.43	2.13
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	58.91	62.93s	+0.01	2.64
Capit	110.2	117.8	+0.4	2.84
Dollar	162.0	173.2	+2.8	1.05
Euro	115.6	123.3	..	0.00
Far East	132.2	141.3c	+1.6	0.58
Financial	402.9	430.9	-1.7	3.22
G/F Intrst Inc	26.46	27.49	+0.08	9.04
High Yield	81.13	86.76●	-0.10	5.15
Inc Trust	99.4	106.3●	+0.2	3.76
Intl	125.8	134.5	+1.0	1.66
Jap Tech	51.99	55.60	+0.42	0.00
Natrl Resrces	43.56	46.58	+0.24	1.26
Security	213.3	228.1	-0.3	2.07
Smlr Cos	116.0	124.0	-0.3	1.02
Spec Sits	117.3	124.3	+0.3	2.33
US Smlr Cos	22.85	24.43	+0.23	1.02
IBI FUND MANAGERS 35, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit/Oseas	125.1	132.4●	+1.0	2.22
Inc Plus	63.02	66.68	..	4.27
Cap Gth	60.05	63.54	..	4.87
Invest Trst	70.40	74.49●	..	1.36
KEY FUND MANAGERS 66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264779				
Equity/Gen	51.08	54.48	-0.10	2.37
Gt/Fxd Interest	67.11	71.39	+0.03	9.09
Higher Inc	137.5	147.1c	+0.2	5.50
Income	83.96	89.58●	-0.01	4.15
Intl	57.74	61.65s	+0.27	0.61
Smlr Cos	55.02	58.68	-0.03	1.30

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KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-626 0778				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	45.38	49.34●	+0.06	5.43
Do Acc	48.27	51.35●	+0.09	6.43
Gilt Yield Inc	106.2	112.2●	+0.5	8.97
Do Acc	213.9	228.1	+1.0	8.91
Global Inc	140.8	148.8●	+0.6	4.73
Do Acc	256.0	272.4	+2.0	4.73
High Yield Inc	108.3	115.2	+1.7	5.48
Do Acc	237.1	252.2	+3.5	5.57
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	47.13	50.14	+0.68	0.57
Do Acc	48.53	51.63	+0.54	0.57
N Amer	41.89	44.54●	+0.64	1.67
Do Acc	49.39	52.50●	+0.78	1.67
Euro Inc	85.43	90.73c	+0.10	2.10
Do Acc	107.5	114.2	+0.2	2.10
Euro Spec Inc	60.47	64.27	+0.22	1.89
Do Acc	60.95	64.79	+0.21	1.89
FO Invest Trst	22.84	24.30	-0.14	2.39
Do Acc	30.31	32.25	-0.18	2.39
Genrl Inc	189.0	201.0	+1.1	3.05
Do Acc	269.0	286.2	+1.8	3.05
Intl Recov	112.2	119.3●	+0.5	1.71
Do Acc	121.5	129.3●	+0.6	1.71
Jap Inc	304.4	323.8	+1.4	0.00
Do Acc	307.8	327.4	+1.4	0.00
Jap Spec	146.5	155.8	+0.2	0.04
Do Acc	147.2	156.6	+0.2	0.04
Master Acc	147.9	157.3	+0.7	1.87
Pacific Inc	178.5	187.8	+1.7	0.58
Do Acc	201.2	214.0	+2.0	0.58
Smlr Cos Inc	104.9	111.6●	-0.2	1.41
Do Acc	128.5	136.7	-0.2	1.41
UK Equity Gth	27.56	29.32	+0.08	2.29
Do Acc	45.40	48.26	+0.14	2.29
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 53, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4508				
European	38.55	40.01c	-0.41	0.00
Extra Inc	22.32	23.70c	+0.01	7.80
Far East	19.43	20.67	+0.15	0.00
Income/Gth	57.48	61.15	+0.01	4.78
Intl Gth	38.55	40.01	+2.48	2.17
Japan	53.51	56.93	+0.08	0.00
N Am Equity	22.82	24.28●	+0.29	0.00
UK Equity	82.69	85.95●	-0.83	2.68
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	277.0	294.7	+2.4	3.84
Do Acc	458.8	488.1	+4.1	3.84
Do Inc	72.61	77.24	+0.48	6.40
European	58.34	62.08	-0.03	1.57
Far East	144.6	154.2	+2.0	0.15
Fixed Interest	45.87	48.68●	-0.40	8.79
Gilt	81.34	86.07	+0.68	7.77
Global Gth	48.78	51.89●	+0.50	0.77
Intl Bond	43.07	45.78	+0.25	5.92
Japanese	72.75	77.39●	+0.79	0.01
O'seas Equity	82.36	87.62●	+1.07	0.96
Natrl Res	62.50	67.77	+0.98	1.86
N Amer	71.50	76.06	+2.06	1.41
UK Recov	45.25	49.20●	+0.04	3.90
UK Spec Sits	83.30	88.62	+0.03	3.05
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: tel:0634 834313				
Balanced	198.0	210.7●	+1.07	3.81
Do Acc	375.8	399.8●	+2.01	3.61
Cont Euro Gth	30.81	32.78●	-0.13	0.50
Do Acc	31.46	33.36●	-0.13	0.50
Energy Intl	53.99	57.44	+0.38	3.00
Do Acc	63.09	67.12	+0.43	3.00
Extra Inc	181.6	193.1●	+0.65	5.37
Do Acc	361.8	384.7	+1.29	5.37
German Gth	54.18	57.40	+0.27	0.78
Do Acc	55.64	58.94	+0.29	0.78
Income	320.0	340.5	+1.49	4.58
Do Acc	665.4	729.2	+3.18	4.58
Intl Tech	169.2	180.0●	+1.41	0.58
Do Acc	178.5	190.0●	+1.5	0.58
Jap Growth	103.9	110.4	+0.48	0.01
Do Acc	104.8	110.7	+0.48	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	39.34	41.82	+0.23	1.48
Do Acc	40.08	42.60	+0.24	1.48
N Am & Gen	99.11	105.4	+0.94	1.57
Do Acc	109.7	116.7	+1.03	1.87
NAm SC Rec	52.78	56.15	+0.49	0.01
Do Acc	52.88	56.26	+0.49	0.01
Pacific Basin	153.8	163.6	+2.85	0.01
Do Acc	161.2	171.4	+2.98	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	270.3	287.6●	-0.70	2.19
Do Acc	316.0	336.2●	-0.81	2.19
UK Gth Fund	55.55	59.10	+0.21	2.93
Do Acc	57.32	60.98	+0.22	2.93
W'wide Growth	180.7	192.2●	+4.23	0.84
Do Acc	257.8	274.2●	+6.03	0.84
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282673				
Genrl	47.24	50.15●	+0.34	3.60
Inc Trust	44.29	47.02	+0.19	5.60
Intl	34.03	36.12	+0.33	0.90
American	27.92	28.64●	+0.42	0.80
Japan	50.34	53.44	+0.59	0.00
Trst Of Invst	35.84	37.63	+0.27	2.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing: 0245-266266				
Am & Gen Inc	189.2	200.1	+2.9	1.42
Do Acc	225.8	238.8	+3.4	1.42
Am Recov	211.8	224.0●	+4.0	1.01
Do Acc	235.8	249.4●	+4.5	1.01
Am Sm Co Acc	42.3	44.7	+0.4	0.27
Australia Acc	113.2	119.7	+1.9	1.98
Commod Acc	286.4	306.4	+0.9	2.25
Compound Gth	510.4	539.9	+1.8	3.32
Conversn Gth	452.8	478.8	+1.8	3.72
Do Inc	247.7	261.9	+1.0	5.65
Dividend Inc	519.2	549.1●	+2.3	5.29
Do Acc	£16.73	17.89●	+0.07	5.22
Euro Acc	265.8	282.1	+0.8	0.94
Extra Yield Inc	303.5	321.0	+1.0	5.24
Do Acc	714.7	755.8	+2.4	5.24
Far East Inc	144.4	152.7	+1.6	1.22
Do Acc	180.1	190.5	+1.9	1.22
Ol Inv Inc	292.8	313.3●	+0.4	2.80
Do Acc	483.4	517.2	+0.6	2.82
Genrl Income	774.1	818.8	+3.6	4.03
Do Acc	£17.29	18.28	+0.08	4.03
Gt/Fxd Interest	57.4	60.2●	+0.2	9.49
Do Acc	103.4	108.5●	+0.2	9.49
Gold Inc	39.2	41.5	+0.2	2.53
Do Acc	43.6	46.3	+0.2	2.53
High Inc Inc	407.4	430.8c	+1.7	5.87
Do Acc	£11.93	12.61	+0.04	5.87
Intl Gth Inc	768.6	812.8	+5.0	1.48
Do Acc	£12.82	13.35	+0.07	1.46
Intl Inc	56.2	60.1	+0.5	5.49
Jap Acc	£10.73	11.35	+0.01	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	113.3	119.8	+0.6	0.00
Midland/Gen	882.6	933.4●	+3.2	4.01
Do Acc	£23.50	24.85●	+0.08	4.01
Recov Inc	585.7	666.5	+2.3	3.88
Do Acc	724.3	765.9	+3.1	3.68
2nd Gen Inc	894.9	957.5c	+2.9	3.50
Do Acc	£18.60	19.90c	+0.06	3.50
Smlr Cos Inc	£10.17	10.78	+0.02	2.92
Do Acc	£16.65	17.65	+0.03	2.92

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Trustee Inc	575.2	612.6●	+2.1	4.44
Charbd Inc 3	103.8	●	+0.5	10.94
Charifd Inc 2	496.2	501.2●	+1.8	6.00
Pension Ex 1	568.1	582.3	+1.9	4.54
NAACIF Inc 3	41.0	●	-0.1	8.89
Do Acc 3	620.4	●	-2.2	8.89
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 71 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth GR	64.00	65.47	..	4.47
Smlr Cos	30.23	32.12	..	1.84
Spec Features	23.77	25.25●	..	1.33
Do Acc	25.23	26.80s	..	1.26
General Funds				
UK Growth	36.12	38.37●	..	2.98
Assets/Earn Di	51.68	54.88	..	2.56
Do Acc	55.85	58.57	..	2.49
GB Co	327.7	348.1	..	3.01
Managed Inv	55.68	58.35	..	2.48
Rupert Child	46.03	48.91	..	2.84
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	72.06	76.56	..	6.32
Gilt	25.91	27.31c	..	8.83
Inc/Gth	27.67	29.39s	..	4.26
Pref Shares	19.75	20.90●	..	8.72
UK Income	230.0	244.3	..	4.65
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	127.7	135.6●	..	1.88
Financial Secs	39.23	41.66●	..	3.93
Gold	40.54	43.47●	..	0.58
Do Acc	42.34	45.40●	..	0.55
Intl Leisure	15.77	16.75●	..	0.00
Prop Shares	73.73	78.33	..	1.57
Univ Energy	51.75	54.98	..	2.05
World Tech	33.68	35.76	..	0.44
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	104.7	110.5●	..	3.92
Euro Expt Acc	70.14	75.24	..	0.92
Euro Expt Inc	69.57	74.42	..	0.93
Overseas Growth Fund				
Australian Gth	40.65	43.41	..	2.82
Drayton Jap	55.63	59.29●	..	0.00
Euro Perf	69.36	74.39	..	0.39
Do Acc	70.12	75.21	..	0.38
Euro Smlr Cos	12.47	13.37	..	1.30
Far East	64.09	69.05	..	0.34
French Gth	37.32	40.13	..	0.56
Do Acc	37.56	40.39	..	0.56
Hong Kong	22.04	23.57	..	2.55
Intl Gth	36.42	38.69●	..	1.99
Intl Recov	26.30	27.94	..	0.73
Jap Perf	108.5	115.5	..	0.00
Do Acc	108.3	115.5	..	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	24.36	25.93	..	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	27.21	29.19	..	1.33
Do Acc	27.22	29.21	..	1.32
SE Asia	70.69	75.02	..	0.97
US Sml Co	54.06	58.53	..	0.00
Do Acc	54.84	59.15	..	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Int Bond	44.13	46.57	..	5.87
Intl Inc/Gth	53.73	57.10●	..	3.54
US Income	44.71	47.86	..	4.71
Do Acc	52.41	56.08	..	4.02
NEL Trusts				
Nestar Gth	66.36	70.17	..	8.35
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Global Inc	58.67	62.19●	..	4.04
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	21.37	22.73	+0.33	0.72
Emerg	21.43	22.80	+0.09	0.39
Genrl	36.50	38.83●	..	3.10
Intl	53.42	56.83	+0.50	2.21
Gilt Unit	24.78	25.55●	+0.15	8.74
Inc/Gth	61.70	65.64●	+1.92	4.14
Euro	32.16	34.21	+0.05	1.81
Safety 1st	23.16	24.64●	+0.04	7.40
Utd Smlr Cos	21.29	22.65	-0.02	2.69
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 680099				
Inv Port Acc	91.92	98.31	+0.65	3.05
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD 49, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Far East	85.84	91.12	+1.10	0.84
Inc Fund	51.16	54.20●	+0.34	4.39
European	39.70	42.14	+0.41	1.11
N Amer	27.49	29.18	+0.55	1.24
Gth/Rec	47.39	50.30●	-0.17	2.44
Intl Gth	431.1	457.5	+3.7	2.36
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	84.51	90.15●	+0.88	0.18
Do Acc	90.12	96.12●	+0.92	0.18
Am Income	39.40	42.03	+0.40	3.40
Do Acc	46.53	49.62	+0.48	3.40
Euro Growth	114.0	121.6	-0.2	2.45
Do Acc	120.5	128.5	-0.1	2.45
General	295.2	314.9	+1.7	2.17
Do Acc	504.8	538.5	+2.8	2.17
Gilt/Fixed	80.45	84.80●	+0.34	7.97
Do Acc	109.2	115.0●	+0.5	7.97
Income	99.75	106.4●	+0.30	3.31
Do Acc	121.0	129.1●	+0.4	3.31
Intl	257.5	273.7c	+1.5	1.71
Do Acc	326.0	346.6c	+1.8	1.71
Japan	183.9	195.8	-0.8	0.00
Do Acc	188.7	200.8	-0.9	0.00
Recov	252.0	268.8●	-0.2	1.94
Do Acc	282.1	301.0●	-0.2	1.94
Exmpt Dist	282.9	290.2	-4.0	3.97
Do Acc	460.0	471.8	-6.5	3.97
Euro Inc	62.47	66.50●	+0.02	4.53
Do Acc	68.16	72.55c	+0.03	4.53
Am Smlr Dist	34.74	37.05●	+0.39	0.00
Do Acc	35.28	37.64●	+0.41	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	41.40	44.16	+0.26	2.49
Do Acc	43.05	45.93	+0.26	2.49
Global Dist	42.17	44.99	-0.07	0.76
Do Acc	42.83	45.47	-0.07	0.76
High Inc Dist	45.21	48.23●	+0.16	5.37
Do Acc	48.08	51.29●	+0.17	5.37
High Int Dist	43.57	46.21●	+0.08	8.34
Do Acc	47.94	50.92c	+0.08	8.34
Pacific Dist	42.05	44.85	+0.42	1.50
Do Acc	41.70	44.48	..	1.50
UK Smlr Dist	43.68	46.58	-0.03	1.57
Do Acc	45.01	48.02	-0.03	1.57
Am Sm Cos Ex	34.32	35.20	+0.31	0.09
Do Acc	34.53	35.42	+0.31	0.09
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	46.35	49.31	-0.08	3.13
Do Acc	46.35	49.31	-0.08	3.13
Capit Income	97.89	104.1	+0.03	2.78
Do Acc	138.8	147.7	+0.1	2.78
Extra High Inc	66.70	70.96	-0.02	7.21
Do Acc	87.59	93.18	-1.03	7.21
Gt/Fxd Income	51.24	53.51●	+0.24	8.52
Do Acc	68.74	103.1●	+0.48	8.52
High Yield	185.3	197.1●	+0.1	5.67
Do Acc	349.6	371.9●	+0.1	5.67
Income	209.8	223.0	+0.1	4.06
Do Acc	367.9	391.4	+0.2	4.06

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Intl High St Dis	47.38	50.41	-0.05	2.36
Do Acc	48.17	51.24	-0.06	2.36
Jap & Pacific	321.2	340.5	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	337.6	357.9	+0.1	0.00
Mandarin	43.04	45.64	+0.44	1.07
N Amer Inc	92.13	98.01●	+1.47	1.14
Do Acc	113.3	120.5●	+1.8	1.14
Euro Gth Inc	105.9	111.5●	-0.1	1.13
Do Acc	130.0	136.9●	..	1.13
Managed Portf	57.20	60.85	+0.12	2.29
Meridian Gth	96.48	102.1	..	2.59
Meridian Inc	94.11	99.59s	+0.05	5.42
Smlr Cos Inc	149.8	159.4	-0.1	2.31
Do Acc	165.0	175.5	..	2.31
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 48, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-626 0123				
Amer Gth	101.4	107.9	+1.2	3.15
Euro Gth	120.0	127.7●	+0.5	2.54
Intl Gth	102.0	108.6●	+0.9	1.66
UK Equity Inc	98.7	105.0	+0.5	5.00
UK Eq In Acc	100.4	106.9	+0.5	5.00
UK Eq In Trckr	91.65	96.98	+0.45	4.64
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090303				
Amer Inc	97.41	103.1	+1.99	4.39
European	42.55	45.10s	+0.07	1.71
Far East	89.57	95.40	+0.86	0.18
Olympiad	38.69	42.20	+0.34	0.84
Olympiad Inc	34.11	36.38●	+0.18	5.80
Smlr Cos	62.96	67.20s	-0.11	1.61
UK Equity Inc	70.62	75.38●	+0.10	5.84
UK Growth	50.78	54.19	-0.09	3.46
N M SCHRODER Enterprise House, Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733 Dealing 0705 861222				
Amer Acc	23.56	25.13●	+0.43	1.71
Australia Acc	160.7	172.4	+1.3	0.59
Consolidated Inc	41.01	43.76●	+0.02	2.29
Do Acc	41.72	44.52●	+0.02	2.29
Euro Inc	107.5	114.6	+0.3	1.14
Do Acc	111.2	119.6	-0.1	1.14
Extra Inc	67.61	72.15●	..	6.84
Extra Inc Acc	79.65	85.00●	..	6.84
F East Gth Acc	82.53	88.21	+0.96	0.28
Gt/Fxd Income	52.75	55.61	+0.17	8.76
Gold Inc	34.41	36.59	-0.01	1.34
Do Acc	36.61	38.58	-0.01	1.34
Inc	43.80	46.71●	+0.02	5.85
Do Acc	108.0	115.1s	+0.1	5.85
Intl Inc	22.75	24.40●	+0.19	0.78
Do Acc	31.99	34.32●	+0.24	0.78
Jap Sm Co Acc	186.8	199.2	+0.1	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	65.48	70.19●	+0.50	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	34.38	36.84●	+0.19	1.52
Spec Sits Inc	26.01	27.97●	+0.03	1.47
Do Acc	27.88	29.78s	+0.04	1.47
Tokyo Inc	69.20	74.26s	-0.11	0.00
Do Acc	70.33	75.07s	+0.11	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	41.70	44.59●	+0.42	0.00
UK Equity Inc	122.5	130.6	-0.1	3.87
Do Acc	198.9	212.1	-0.2	3.87
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD Pearl Assurance House Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SA Tel: Dealings 0800-626577 Inquiry 0733-67767				
Gth Trust Inc	98.49	104.8	+0.56	3.06
Do Acc	153.5	163.2	+0.9	3.06
Inc Trust	147.7	157.2	+0.9	4.30
Intl Equity Inc	139.0	147.9	+1.1	2.06
Do Acc	143.9	153.1	+1.1	2.06
Equity Inc	145.1	154.4●	+0.8	3.55
Do Acc	267.6	284.7●	+1.4	3.55
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	271.2	290.1	+2.03	1.51
Income	204.0	218.2	+0.11	4.41
W'wide Rec	147.0	157.2	+0.76	1.78
Am Growth	63.2	67.8	+0.9	1.02
Intl Emerg Cos	69.0	73.8	+0.5	1.01
Far East Grwth	97.85	104.5●	+1.48	0.78
Euro Gth	57.36	61.36●	+0.17	1.51
UK Growth	38.03	40.68	+0.03	2.74
High Inc	49.36	52.80	+0.08	6.35
Jap Gth	93.77	100.2	+0.66	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
Intl	115.3	123.0●	-3.2	0.02
High Inc	77.08	82.35●	-0.20	4.25
Conv/Gilt	117.8	125.8●	-0.1	5.36
Far East	221.9	236.8	-2.2	0.01
Nth Amer	105.5	112.6	+0.4	0.01
Spec Sits	87.89	93.91●	-1.10	1.15
Technology	106.2	113.4●	-1.0	0.93
Extra Inc	116.0	124.0c	-0.4	4.75
Euro Gth/Inc	40.24	43.03	-0.76	2.82
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	474.4	502.0	-0.69	3.08
European	97.69	104.0●	+0.15	0.75
Holb Comms	58.64	62.66	-0.10	0.48
Holb High Inc	77.98	83.39●	-0.38	6.57
Holb Intl	96.66	103.1	+0.51	0.98
Japanese	145.4	155.6	+0.61	0.04
N Amer	66.41	70.73●	+1.06	0.83
Holb Spec Sits	83.69	89.13	+0.10	2.25
Holb UK Gth	85.91	91.49	-0.12	2.76
Holb Premier	41.49	44.37s	+0.07	7.36
Holb Smlr Cos	60.66	64.62●	-0.29	3.27
Holb Eqty Inc	59.45	63.69●	-0.03	5.37
Holb Intl SC	42.03	44.76	+0.23	0.05
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8AR 01-634 2361/4				
Income	105.6	112.5●	+0.35	5.06
Japan	211.3	225.3	-1.20	0.00
Major UK Co	88.29	93.93●	+0.22	3.05
Smlr Aus	70.11	74.78	+0.26	1.93
Amer Inc	239.0	254.7	+3.82	1.40
Do Acc	264.7	283.3	+4.25	1.40
Smlr Cos	188.0	204.5	+0.09	2.11
Smlr Canada	34.80	37.09	+0.01	1.52
Smlr Euro Cos	158.3	168.9●	-0.14	0.75
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealings 01-638 2531				
Capit Gth Inc	68.21	71.92●	..	3.97
Do Acc	82.39	86.86●	..	0.90
Pacific Basin	148.8	156.9	..	2.79
Do 5% Wthd	69.69	73.68	..	0.00
Finance/Prop	81.04	85.44	..	2.91
Fixed/Conv	48.84	51.50●	..	7.33
Do Acc	93.89	99.00●	..	0.00
Equity Inc	98.1	103.4	..	5.03
Do Acc	243.3	258.5	..	0.00
High Yield Inc	105.5	116.5●	..	5.63
Do Acc	323.1	347.5●	..	0.00
Intl Inc	78.22	82.48	..	1.48
Do Acc	81.85	86.31	..	0.00
Do 5% Wthd	72.9	78.3	..	1.34
Preference Inc	47.47	51.18	..	7.25
Do Acc	175.9	189.7	..	0.00

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Smlr Cos	71.77	75.88●	..	2.39
Do Acc	79.78	84.10●	..	0.30
Pres Canada	40.49	40.70	..	0.11
Pres Commod	48.85	48.90	..	0.08
Pres Europe	94.61	95.09	..	0.00
Pres Global	47.10	47.34	..	5.38
Pres Gold	34.14	34.73	..	0.14
Pres HK	30.36	30.52	..	0.03
Pres Jap	124.2	124.9	..	0.00
Pres Sing/M	38.78	38.98	..	0.11
Pres UK	89.54	90.00	..	1.43
Pres US	56.86	57.15	..	1.52
W'wide Alpha	48.09	51.75	..	2.11
Do Acc	48.34	52.03	..	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	47.44	50.46●	+0.51	9.55
Capit	105.8	112.5c	+0.8	1.49
Commod	64.34	68.44	+0.21	1.03
Euro Growth	96.27	102.4●	+0.37	1.27
Financial Secs	105.1	110.9●	+0.8	2.51
High Return	218.9	232.8	+0.5	4.69
High Yield	198.3	209.8	+0.7	4.44
Inc Units	108.7	115.8	..	5.93
Investment	101.7	108.1	+0.5	3.04
Jap Growth	120.2	127.8	+0.5	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	138.0	146.8	+0.7	0.00
Masterfund	32.69	34.71c	+0.15	2.64
Scotbits	150.1	159.6	+1.0	3.19
Scotshares	208.9	222.2●	+0.3	2.82
Scotyields	186.9	198.8	+0.6	4.78
Select Intl	85.27	89.55	+0.65	1.38
Smlr Cos Inc	219.8	233.8	-0.6	4.19
Spec Sits	115.9	123.2	-0.8	2.21
UK Equity	202.2	215.1	+0.9	3.83
US Growth	65.88	70.08	+0.38	1.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	203.2	217.3	-0.2	3.33
Colombus	130.5	139.0	+1.7	1.47
Marco Polo	225.3	241.0	+2.5	0.26
Da Vinci	242.1	258.9	+1.1	1.50
Drake	52.72	57.45	+0.37	1.37
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	209.5	222.9●	+0.7	3.13
UK Sm Cos Eq	215.4	229.2●	-1.5	2.48
European	181.7	193.3	+0.2	1.56
N Amer	109.8	118.9	+2.4	1.50
Inc Plus	53.99	57.44	+0.04	6.14
UK Spec Sit	62.66	66.66	+0.34	2.72
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: Tel:031-556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	16.31	17.45s	+0.06	3.63
Intl Gth Acc	17.85	19.11s	+0.20	1.40
Global Inc Acc	19.16	20.51s	+0.09	5.64
Mid Leadr Acc	16.09	17.22s	+0.07	3.89
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT Enterprise House Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733				
O'seas Sm Co	49.37	52.32	+0.18	0.36
Pension Chart	638.8	679.5	..	4.51
Recov	£11.30	12.02	..	3.08
UK Sml Cos Ex	97.39	103.6	-0.49	2.42
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	25.91	27.53	+0.15	2.45
Equity Gth Acc	30.66	32.58	+0.11	3.26
Equity High Inc	30.72	32.64	+0.12	4.54
Equity Genrl	26.35	27.94	+0.11	3.31
Do Acc	30.84	32.77	+0.10	3.31
G/F Intrst Inc	26.86	28.22	+0.14	7.68
O'seas Lgr Acc	185.5	201.3	+1.4	1.37
Nth Amer Acc	21.98	23.14	+0.24	1.49
Far East Acc	42.64	45.31	+0.18	0.00
Euro Acc	24.0	25.5	+0.1	1.35
UK Lgr Inc	184.2	198.9	+0.5	4.09
Do Acc	204.7	222.1	+0.6	4.09
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	187.8	199.8●	+1.9	1.05
Do Acc	215.2	228.9●	+2.2	1.07
Do Wthdl	116.2	123.6●	+1.1	1.05
Australian Inc	158.4	168.6	+2.4	0.33
Do Acc	163.1	173.6	+2.5	0.33
British Inc	788.8	840.1	-1.1	4.83
Do Acc	£11.26	12.21	-0.11	4.83
Euro Inc	248.8	264.7	+0.9	0.00
Do Acc	263.5	280.5	+1.0	0.61
Jap Inc	86.31	91.82	+0.38	0.18
Do Acc	87.00	92.65	+0.36	0.16
Saints PPP	202.5	212.7	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	447.8	476.2	+4.5	3.73
NAm Acc	49.23	52.37	+1.21	2.10
Far East Acc	113.7	121.8	+1.4	0.32
W'wide Bond	46.39	48.83	+0.24	6.90
European	47.51	50.54	+0.26	2.84
Equity Inc	60.01	63.84●	-0.39	4.92
W'wide Tech	37.61	40.01	+0.05	0.55
W'wide Fincl	40.02	42.57	+0.36	2.32
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no:0256 841414				
UK Income	30.40	32.33●	+0.52	4.71
Do Gth	26.71	28.41●	-0.04	3.09
W'wide	20.17	21.45●	+0.34	1.92
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	93.81	99.80	+1.18	2.12
Do Acc	100.6	107.1	+1.26	2.12
Br Gth Inc	52.47	55.82	+0.33	3.45
Do Acc	54.9	58.4	+0.3	3.45
Euro Inc	50.69	53.93	-0.09	1.06
Do Acc	52.07	55.39	-0.10	1.06
Extra Inc Inc	146.3	155.6	+0.24	6.07
Do Acc	188.9	200.9	+0.29	6.07
Genrl Unit Inc	171.9	182.9	+1.06	3.67
Do Acc	297.6	316.6	+1.82	3.67
Gilt/Fixed	47.44	49.42	+0.19	9.29
Do Acc	72.84	75.87	+0.29	9.29
Inc Trust	258.9	275.4●	+1.59	5.17
Do Acc	440.5	468.6●	+2.70	5.17
Intl	315.2	335.4●	+1.67	0.88
Do Acc	399.5	425.0●	+2.11	0.88
Pacific	211.2	224.6	+0.90	0.32
Do Acc	219.5	233.6	+0.93	0.32
Natrl Resrces	58.67	62.41	+0.46	1.72
Do Acc	62.18	66.15	+0.49	1.72
Selected Opps	75.80	80.72	+0.24	2.63
Do Accum	86.64	92.17	+0.32	2.63
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	59.13	63.23●	..	3.30
Australian	6.80	7.28	..	0.00
Comod	71.73	77.31●	..	0.64
Equity	147.2	158.9c	..	3.26
Equity Exmpt	112.5	121.5●	..	2.26

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Equity Ex Acc	216.0	233.3s	..	2.26
Euro Spec Sits	80.10	86.04	..	1.62
Conv/Gilt	138.7	149.7●	..	5.11
Financial	29.58	31.80s	..	2.14
Global Inc	53.04	57.20●	..	0.88
Do Acc	53.44	57.63●	..	0.65
Gold Inc	43.87	47.14●	..	0.00
Do Acc	80.84	86.83●	..	0.00
Income	99.8	107.8●	..	4.77
Japan	126.1	135.9	..	0.00
Pacific Inc	113.1	122.0	..	0.00
Do Acc	140.3	151.3	..	0.00
Pref Share	24.43	26.37	..	7.84
UK Capit	84.74	91.30	..	1.71
Spec Sits	88.55	95.60	..	1.83
World Cap	147.1	158.5	..	1.97
World Inc	50.40	54.11	..	3.06
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 3846				
Am Opp Dist	36.87	39.33	+0.19	1.40
Do Acc	37.62	40.18	+0.19	1.40
Euro Opp Dist	39.91	42.57●	-0.58	0.00
Do Acc	39.09	42.34●	-0.59	0.00
F East Opp Di	93.1	99.3	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	93.38	99.61	+0.46	0.00
Gold Opp Di	32.91	35.11	+0.07	1.26
Do Acc	32.60	34.87	+0.07	1.26
Intl Hi Yld Dist	44.10	47.04	+0.72	4.23
Do Acc	44.55	47.52	+0.73	4.23
Jap Opp Dist	59.62	63.54	+0.81	0.00
Do Acc	59.62	63.54	+0.81	0.00
Kangaroo Dist	27.60	29.44	+0.29	0.83
Do Acc	27.76	29.61	+0.29	0.59
Orient Inc Dist	25.85	27.57	+0.23	3.05
Do Acc	27.91	29.81	+0.24	3.05
Pac Tech Dist	50.35	53.71	+1.52	0.00
Do Acc	50.35	53.71	+1.52	0.00
Tiger Dist	87.20	93.01	+0.42	0.44
Do Acc	87.50	93.35	+0.42	0.44
UK Hi Yld Dist	37.60	40.11●	+0.28	9.23
Do Acc	41.65	44.43●	+0.30	9.23
Uk Opp Dist	39.84	42.61	-0.01	2.09
Do Acc	41.29	44.19	-0.01	2.09
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	35.06	37.39	+0.31	1.46
Ear Spec Sit	24.05	25.64	+0.02	1.08
Do Acc	24.46	26.07	+0.02	1.08
Genrl Growth	60.13	63.96	+0.07	2.23
Global Tech	50.73	53.96●	+0.64	0.17
Inc Growth	71.97	76.56	+0.04	4.38
Inc Monthly	56.32	60.08●	-0.18	6.41
Jap Growth	67.60	72.03●	+0.38	0.17
Man Equity Inc	24.32	26.01	+0.10	3.30
Do Acc	25.39	27.15	+0.10	3.30
O'seas Gth	48.62	51.84●	+0.49	1.24
Smlr Cos	85.05	90.96	-0.20	1.31
Spec Opp	99.34	106.2	-0.12	1.83
WW Spec Sits	26.28	27.81	+0.06	1.12
Do Accum	26.28	27.01	+0.06	1.12
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Utd Charities.	169.7	181.0●	+1.2	4.98
VANGUARD TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries: 01-236 3053 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	57.14	60.79	+0.98	1.57
Do Acc	59.07	62.84	+1.03	1.57
European	41.83	44.50	-0.21	1.47
Do Acc	42.36	45.06	-0.20	1.47
F East/Gen	58.22	61.94	+0.85	0.09
Do Acc	58.22	61.94	+0.85	0.00
Glenmara	218.1	232.0	+0.4	2.00
Do Acc	225.2	239.6	+0.5	2.00
Growth	213.1	226.7	-0.2	2.53
Do Acc	324.6	345.3	-0.3	2.53
High Yield	273.0	290.4	-0.5	4.24
Do Acc	299.5	318.6	-0.8	4.24
Master Portfl	£67.58	69.29	+0.13	2.86
Do Acc	£70.74	72.55	+0.14	3.86
Spec Sits	54.18	57.64	+0.08	2.14
Do Acc	56.31	59.90	+0.08	2.14
Trustee	158.1	168.2c	..	4.00
Do Acc	261.7	278.4	-0.1	4.00
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 90 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: Tel:01-374 0861				
Amer	52.16	55.78	+0.43	1.50
Pacific Perf	116.5	124.5	+0.6	0.80
Intl Gth	64.50	68.98	+0.57	0.40
Inc Tst	113.8	121.5	+0.8	5.40
Jap Gth	195.6	209.3	+1.7	0.10
Sml Co	135.3	144.7	-0.6	1.40
Technology	29.17	31.19●	-0.11	0.10
Australia	56.37	60.28	+0.50	1.30
UK	154.1	164.8●	+0.7	2.80
Euro Gth	48.17	51.51	+0.28	0.10
Hong Kong	28.87	30.87	+0.03	1.30
Intl	19.18	20.51	+0.03	8.60
Sing Malay	20.23	21.63	+0.07	1.00
Br Wnrs	24.07	25.74	+0.14	3.00
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	16.76	17.63	+0.04	0.00
Pacific Basin	22.81	24.22●	+0.08	0.80
Canadian Gth	40.89	43.50	-0.11	0.18
Grinne Me	95.41	99.87●	+0.69	9.29
Penny Share	26.19	27.82●	+0.25	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fund	167.1	177.7	+0.8	1.57
Inc Fund	109.1	116.1	-0.2	6.03
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3192				
Sht Dtd Gilt	79.99	80.72	+0.03	0.00
US Govt Bond	£54.30	54.34●	+0.03	0.09
Challenger	53.88	54.58●	-0.04	1.89
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	62.06	66.03●	+0.13	6.41
Income	74.56	79.31	+0.41	3.68
Growth	82.08	87.32	-0.15	1.90
Prop Shares	48.37	51.56●	-0.04	1.45
Smlr Cos	58.18	61.90	-0.21	1.84
European	51.41	54.69	-0.08	1.11
Far Eastern	47.74	50.78	+0.50	1.03

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
75	51	Gaskhouse	48	53	..	1.9	3.7	12.5
230	135	Halls Homes	177	187	+2	6.1	3.4	22.6
95	73	Hampden Homecare	82	87	-1	2.4	2.8	10.4
183	134	Handley Walker	168	173	-2	5.1	3.0	19.2
70	55	Harmon Leisure	62	64	..	0.2	0.3	75.9
175	100	Hatfield Estates	155	165	..	4.0	2.5	7.9
50½	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	41½	42½	..	0.3	0.7	42.0
54	15	Health Care	57	62	+2	1.3	2.2	12.0
860	730	Hemmes	840	870	..	16.5	1.9	23.0
790	660	Do A LV	780	800	-10	16.5	2.1	21.0
133	86	Hewetson	115	120	-2	4.1	3.5	14.9
153	90	Hey & Croft	62	67	..	2.1	3.2	7.5
262	133	Highland Part	233	235	●-7	2.7	1.2	..
71	40	Hills Ergonom	68	73	..	2.9	4.1	18.3
53	22	Hobson	20	22	●-1	1.0	4.6	8.1
250	183	Hodgson	180	185	-5	3.6	2.0	16.1
150	138	Holders Tech	142	147	..	8.0	5.5	..
166	115	Honeysuckle Gp	115	123	●-3	7.5	6.2	8.4
230	138	Hornby	203	207	-3	5.3	2.6	14.2
138	102½	HPC Group	127	132	..	2.7	2.1	14.8
111	39	Hughes Food	46	48	+7	2.0	4.3	9.2
148	64	Hughes (HT)	131	134	●	3.1	2.3	30.7
26	16	Humbrol Elec	14	17	-1	..	..	..
80	52	Huntleigh Tech	60	70	-5	..	..	84.4
93	73	INSTEM	70	80	..	3.3	4.4	15.5
105	40	Image Storage	50	60	..	..	..	..
24	5½	Imtec	5¼	6	+¼	..	..	..
36	25½	Inoco	29	30	+1½	..	..	79.7
260	103½	Interscope Tech	100	125	..	8.5	7.5	12.6
560	228	Interlink Express	245	260	..	9.2	3.6	11.3
32	14	Intl Media	15	17	-1	..	..	..
27½	19½	Israel (Jack L)	19	20	..	0.8	4.1	16.8
55	30	JWD Group	40	44	-2	..	..	..
385	312	Jaques Vert	330	340	+2	11.3	3.4	12.0
16	13	Jetsens	13	15	..	..	..	..
190	80	Johnson Fry	152	157	-1	3.7	2.4	18.8
135	98	Johnstones Paints	115	120	+2	6.4	5.4	10.6
253	141	JSB Elec	228	233	..	5.3	2.3	13.0
91	65	Just Rubber	67	72	●-1	3.0	4.3	10.8
302	138	Kenyon Secs	135	150	..	9.0	6.3	13.1
227	105	Kewill Systems	190	200	+5	2.9	1.5	15.1
54	40	Kiarti-Telron	40	45	●	1.7	4.0	11.0
141	53	Knobs & Knockers	118	123	-4	2.7	2.2	16.7
48½	36	Konick	40	41	-1	1.4	3.5	16.1
87	45½	LPA Ind	63	70	..	4.0	6.0	11.7
161	93	Ladbam Thomson	91	100	+2	6.5	6.8	8.0
270	108	Lambert	115	125	+3	11.3	9.4	4.4
208	130	LBMS Plc	115	135	-15	2.4	2.0	11.9
85	65	Lewmar	75	95	..	3.8	4.2	10.2
170	156	Locar	163	166	-4	4.9	3.0	16.4
9	5½	Lincoln Hse	6½	7	-½	..	..	..
245	105	Lodge Care	166	175	-2	3.7	2.2	24.6
110	95	Lon & Clydesde	97	107	..	7.8	7.5	11.8
162	153	Lon Fortalog	160	163	-1	8.8	5.4	9.5
43	15	Lyndair Per	14	16	-1	..	..	38.6
102	68	ME Cash & Carry	87	92	..	5.2	5.8	12.5
173	100	MMT Comp	158	163	●	2.3	1.4	15.9
90	70	MTL Instruments	80	85	..	2.7	3.2	13.0
325	150	McLaughlin & Ha	313	323	-3	11.3	3.6	15.2
85	63	Magnetic Materials	62	67	-3	3.9	6.0	39.4
128	115	Mainmet	110	120	-1	..	2.0	17.3
127	85	Marsh Gp	80	90	-1	2.1	3.2	7.0
437	235	Mamta Dev	338	348	-2	4.0	1.2	..
40	16	Maxipoint	18	21	..	..	..	..
95	65	Maybom	66	70	+1	4.8	7.1	8.4
25	16	Memory Comp	15	16½	-½	..	..	..
40	8	Menocom Intl Hldgs	10	13	..	..	..	..
287	175	Menvier-Swain	273	283	+1	5.3	1.9	17.7
80	68	Merchant Navi Est	65	70	-3	4.0	5.9	5.7
415	233	Merrydown Wine	365	380	..	8.0	2.1	16.7
163	125	Metal Bulletin	130	135	..	6.7	5.0	16.0
163	108	Metsec	130	135	..	4.6	3.5	13.1
136	116	Microlec	133	138	..	3.9n	2.9	15.6
325	213	Microsystems	225	235	..	4.0	1.7	10.5
50	28	Microvitec	41	44	-2	2.3	5.3	13.0

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
83	65	Sheldon Jones	70	80	-5	6.2	8.3	12.2
78	48	Shelton (Marcus)	40	65	..	2.7	4.3	..
283	143	Sherwood Comp	135	150	..	6.0	4.2	6.4
445	328	Sherwood Group	335	405	..	6.1	1.5	15.5
161	106	Shorco	143	147	..	5.3	3.7	13.5
440	330	Simo Food	330	340	r +2	9.9	3.0	20.7
57	50	Soundtracks	53	58	..	2.5	4.5	12.5
360	304	Stm Bus	337	343	-4	6.8	2.0	15.9
25	13	SW Resources	12½	13½	..	..	..	15.7
395	338	Spandex	360	380	● ..	4.0	1.1	19.6
84	64	Specialeyes	82	65	..	..	..	15.4
63	26	Spectrum	28	31	-1	..	..	23.3
180	88	Spice	88	93	..	4.8	5.3	7.0
78	54	Splash	52	57	..	2.7	4.9	22.4
118	89	Stainless Metal	85	100	..	6.0	6.1	..
59	24	Stanco Exhib	35	38	-2	0.4	1.1	20.3
321	180	Stanhope Props	189	191	-12	0.1	0.1	17.6
130	86	Sterling Pub	102	107	..	4.4	4.2	14.1
90	56	Sunleigh Elect	55	56	-2	2.0	3.5	8.1
128	123	Sussex & Vale	120	125	-1	..	..	..
77	38	Sutherland	64	67	..	2.2	3.3	26.1
323	253	Symesse Comp	248	256	..	4.5	1.8	11.8
91	57	TDS Circuits	62	67	r -1	..	..	..
190	153	TMD Advert	182	185	-1	4.0	2.2	13.4
168	135	TSB Chan Islands	165	168	..	7.4	4.4	8.4
179	129	TV-AM	141	145	..	6.7	4.7	8.5
221	84½	Task Force	218	223	..	4.1	1.9	21.5
178	93	Telecomputing	100	115	-2	2.0	1.9	8.9
192	125	Thornton GW	165	175	..	5.3	3.1	13.6
49	31	Thorpac	33	38	r -2	1.6	4.4	..
112	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	85	95	..	5.3	5.0	9.8
92	82	Titon	81	85	-1	2.3	2.8	..
86	55	Total Systems	53	58	..	2.0	3.6	10.4
78	58	Transcap Hldgs	70	75	..	1.3	1.8	16.4
40½	15	Tranwood	32½	34	-½	..	..	..
356	221	Treacherwood	290	315	-5	5.4	1.8	13.0
100	56	Trevian Hldgs	90	93	●-4	4.0b	4.3	8.6
87	58	Triton	60	64	..	..	..	..
34½	21	Tabular Exhib	25	27	●-1	0.4	1.5	18.1
135	105	Tudor	130	140	● ..	6.7	5.0	11.4
163	115	UCL Group	115	120	..	5.3	4.5	9.9
38	17	URS Ind	14	18	..	..	..	..
218	165	UTC Group	178	183	s -2	12.0	6.6	11.5
563	495	Utd Friendly	495	510	-5	35.5	7.1	..
180	113	Usher (Frank)	113	118	..	8.0	6.9	7.0
125	85	Video Tape Rec	105	115	● ..	3.3	3.0	12.2
30	18	Vistec	19	21	..	..	..	..
75½	61	WSP Hldgs	70	75	..	2.1	2.9	16.2
68	43	Wardell Roberts	55	70	-5	..	..	..
30	21	Welsac	23	27	..	0.7	2.8	10.4
38	28	Westworth	35	40	r ..	2.3	6.1	10.1
250	80	Whaney Mackay	110	120	-2	5.7	5.0	14.1
89	38	William (Rex) Hldgs	38	40	-2	0.7	1.8	35.1
157	75	Wood John D & Co	73	83	-2	5.3	6.8	6.2
170	96	Woolkins Baker	140	147	●+2	6.4	4.4	24.1
155	90	Wld of Leather	113	123	..	4.3	3.6	16.4
215	145	Wyevale	197	207	..	4.8	2.4	21.0
78	69	Wyko	73	78	..	3.7	4.9	12.3
43	23	Yelverton	33	36	r ..	..	..	31.8
80	36	Yorks Tst Gp	42	48	-2	3.4	7.7	4.8
193	136	Young Group	187	192	+2	8.7	4.6	10.6
78	1½	Zurich Group	37	42	+2	2.7	6.8	..
122	68	Zygal Dynamics	114	117	+1	2.7	2.3	16.0

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barratt	80	87	..	..	..	..
38	14	Aberdeen Pet	14	17	+1	..	..	..
41½	11	Amercoeur	10	13	r ..	..	..	..
85	56	Anderson Res	65	68	+1	..	..	..
105	57	Beckenham	90	95	..	..	..	..
230	152	Broadcast	182	190	-7	2.3	2.5	27.4
145	85	Chelsea Art	85	95	..	..	..	20.1
55	26	Chemex Intl	40	45	..	1.0	1.1	10.7
105	65	Comac	60	70	..	..	..	7.3
180	120	Crown Eye	135	145	..	..	..	16.1
16	5	Eglinton	4½	6	..	..	..	..
143	45	Far E Res	42	47	-4	..	..	..
90	76	Halclare	73	78	-2	..	..	12.7
41	20	Honorbit	22	24	-1	..	..	11.7
31	12	Intl Comms	12	15	..	..	..	..
56	33	Kemp (PE)	30	35	-3	2.0	6.1	8.2
59	58	LGW	90	95	..	..	..	19.8
103	86	Ledsley Lsr	82	85	-2	1.7	2.0	17.1
65	12	Lynx Group	18	20	..	..	..	5.9
147	89	Madisco	87	92	-3	..	..	..
30	3	Morton Gp	8½	10	r -1½	..	..	..
50	38	Pennine Optical	37	40	..	..	..	10.5
63	38	Restaurateur	39	61	+1	..	..	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	190	200	..	6.4	3.3	12.1
118	89	Season	92	97	-1	1.3	1.4	..
313	200	Takare	285	300	..	1.3	0.4	40.7
135	105	UPL	107	117	● ..	3.2	2.9	14.9
182	120	Unit Group	142	152	r ..	6.7	4.6	8.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 78.7 (day's range 78.6-78.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for December 8

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8470-1.8570	1.8535-1.8545	0.53-0.52pr	1.71-1.69pr
Montrl	2.2087-2.2163	2.2103-2.2143	0.48-0.34pr	0.89-0.74pr
Amstrdm	3.6421-3.6509	3.6421-3.6459	2⅛-2⅛pr	6⅝-6⅜pr
Brussels	67.50-67.93	67.50-67.75	37-29pr	104-93pr
Copnhgn	12.4481-12.4734	12.4481-12.4641	5⅛-4⅞pr	15⅝-14⅞pr
Dublin	1.2077-1.2129	1.2085-1.2095	64-58pr	164-153pr
Frankft	3.2269-3.2368	3.2269-3.2305	2⅛-2pr	6¼-6⅛pr
Lisbon	267.26-269.71	268.20-269.27	6pr-36ds	13pr-67ds
Madrid	208.95-210.60	208.98-209.65	43-26pr	73-51pr
Milan	2382.03-2390.37	2382.03-2383.17	2pr-par	7-4pr
Oslo	11.9787-12.0250	11.9787-11.9963	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅜-4⅛pr
Paris	11.0117-11.0559	11.0179-11.0293	4⅝-4⅛pr	13⅝-12⅝pr
Stckhlm	11.1810-11.2135	11.1810-11.193	2¾-2⅛pr	7⅜-6⅞pr
Tokyo	226.81-229.92	227.18-227.49	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Vienna	22.60-22.80	22.66-22.69	1⅜-1⅛pr	45-40pr
Zurich	2.7139-2.7233	2.2139-2.7172	1⅞-1⅝pr	5½-5⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	29.0542-29.2185
Australia dollar	2.1253-2.1290
Bahrain dinar	0.6945-0.6985
Brazil cruzado*	1158.17-1162.60
Cyprus pound	0.8425-0.8525
Finland marka	7.5850-7.6250
Greece drachma	268.25-270.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.4807-14.4904
India rupee	27.66-27.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5165-0.5205
Malaysia ringgit	4.9710-4.9860
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.8649-2.8710
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.91-6.95
Singapore dollar	3.6025-3.6064
S Africa rand (fin)	8.9420-7.0781
S Africa rand (com)	4.3423-4.3503
U A E dirham	6.7650-6.8050

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5355-1.5370	Denmark	6.7070-6.7120	Italy	1284.0-1285.0
Singapore	1.9405-1.9415	W Germany	1.7405-1.7415	Belgium (Com)	36.45-36.48
Malaysia	2.6830-2.6880	Switzerland	1.4653-1.4660	Hong Kong	7.8000-7.8010
Australia	1.1467-1.1481	Netherlands	1.9630-1.9640	Portugal	143.90-144.40
Canada	1.1920-1.1930	France	5.9400-5.9450	Spain	112.80-112.90
Sweden	6.0310-6.0360	Japan	122.63-122.73	Austria	12.27-12.28
Norway	6.4650-6.4700				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 *Finance Hse 12½*
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13½ Low 12½ Week fixed: 12¾
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12 23/32 3 mth – 12 21/32
Selling: 2 mth – 12 21/32 3 mth – 12 19/32
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12¾-12 11/16
2 mth: 12¾-11/16 3 mth: 12 11/16-12⅝ 6 mth 12 7/16-12⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13⅛
2 mth: 13⅛ 3 mth: 13 3/16 6 mth 13 1/16
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13 close 12½
1 week: 12⅞-12¾ 1 mth: 12 15/16-12⅞ 3 mth: 13 3/16-13 1/16
6 mth: 13 7/32-13/16 9 mth: 13 3/16-1/16 12 mth: 13 3/16-1/16
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12½ 7 day: 12¾ 1 mth: 12⅞
3 mth: 13 1/16 6 mth: 13 1/16 12 mth: 13 1/16
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅞-12 2 mth: 12⅞-12 3 mth: 12⅞-12⅝
6 mth: 12⅞-12⅝ 9 mth: 12⅞-12⅝ 12 mth: 12⅞-12⅝
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 12 15/16-13/16
3 mth: 13 3/16-1/16 6 mth: 13 3/16-1/16 12 mth 12 15/16-12⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.50-9.45
3 mth: 9.30-9.25 6 mth: 9.30-9.25 12 mth 9.40-9.35

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1988. Agreed rates Dec 26, 1988 to Jan 24, 1989. Scheme I: 13.27 per cent. Schemes II & III: 13.61 per cent. Reference rate Nov 1, 1988 to Nov 30, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 12.251 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8 7/16-8 5/16	9⅛-9⅜	9⅝-9½	9⅝-9½
Call: 8½-7½				
Deutschemark:	4 15/16-13/16	5 3/16-5 1/16	5¼-5⅛	5½-5⅜
Call: 4¾-3¾				
French Franc:	7 13/16-11/16	8 1/16-7 15/16	8¼-8⅛	8⅜-8¼
Call: 7¾-6¾				
Swiss Franc:	5-4¾	5 3/16-5 1/16	5 15/16-13/16	5⅝-5½
Call: 4-3				
Yen:	4½-4⅜	4 11/16-4 9/16	4½-4⅜	4 9/16-4 7/16
Call: 3¼-2¾				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $423.50-424.00 Close: $423.25-423.75
High: $423.75-424.25 Low: $422.50-423.00

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $436.00-441.00 (£235.00-238.00)
Krugerrand: $422.00-425.00 (£227.50-229.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $436.00-441.00 (£235.00-238.00)
American Eagles: $436.00-441.00 (£235.00-238.00)
New Sovereigns: $99.50-100.50 (£53.50-54.25)
Old Sovereigns: $99.50-100.50 (£53.50-54.25)
Platinum: $596.50 (£320.85)
Palladium: $127.50 (£68.60)
Silver: $6.16-6.18 (£3.3225-3.3375)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 16628		
Dec 88	177.80	178.00	176.80	177.20	2520
Mar 89	179.80	179.80	178.80	179.10	625
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 58243		
Dec 88	86.70	86.75	86.57	86.66	1274
Mar 89	87.00	87.02	86.92	86.92	11852
Jun 89	87.64	87.69	87.62	87.62	788
Sep 89	88.16	88.19	88.15	88.16	398
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 48874		
Dec 88	90.66	90.66	90.65	90.67	1334
Mar 89	90.81	90.84	90.78	90.81	4127
Jun 89	90.80	90.82	90.77	90.79	481
Sep 89	90.75	90.78	90.75	90.74	169

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8707		
Dec 88	8914	8917	8910	8917	803
Mar 89	8831	8907	8825	8907	6446
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 31294		
Dec 88	9429	9501	9426	9429	205
Mar 89	9515	9519	9507	9512	13696
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 530		
Mar 89	107.75	107.90	107.75	107.88	325
Jun 89	NT	—	.....	.....	0
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 9292		
Mar 89	95.65	95.85	95.72	95.74	3805
Jun 89	95.21	95.22	95.19	95.17	85
Sep 89	NT	.....	.....	.....	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude oil traders had looked for WTI to break through a significant resistance level, but this failed to materialise prices stagnated. Oversupplied gasoline continued weak, whilst over products traded at higher numbers.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	15.00	+35
15 day Dec	15.05	+40
15 day Jan	14.70	+35
WTI Jan	15.95	+35
WTI Feb	15.85	+40

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-1	174-177	-1
Gasoil EEC	+4	151-152	+3
Non 1H Jan	+3	142-143	+3
Non 1H Feb	+3	139-140	+3
3.5 Fuel Oil	+3	69-70	+2
Naphtha	+2	135-138	+2

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Jan 142.75-42.50
Feb 139.75-39.50
Mar 136.00-35.75
Apr 132.50-32.00
May 130.00-29.75
Jun 128.50-27.75
Jul 127.50-26.50
Vol 8358

BRENT G W Joynson
Jan 14.70-14.63
Feb 14.51-14.50
Vol 6073

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Dec 88 Hi 1499-1488 Low Close 1499
Jan 89 Hi 1522-1516 Low Close 1522
Apr 89 Hi 1565-1556 Low Close 1565
Jul 89 Hi 1366-1360 Low Close 1365
Vol 273 lots Open interest 2905
Dry cargo index 1498 +1 on 7/12/88

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Dec 833-832 Sep 862-860
Mar 857-856 Dec 885-883
May 857-856 Mar 894-893
Jul 860-859 Vol 3850

COFFEE G W Joynson
Jan 1097-1096 Sep 1090-1087
Mar 1096-1095 Nov 1087-1085
May 1092-1090 Jan 1083-1080
Jul 1090-1085 Vol 3776

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol 2472
Mar 258.4-58.0 Oct 236.8-36.4
May 249.0-48.8 Dec 230.0-26.0
Aug 241.2-41.0 Mar 232.0-29.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 192
Ja 110.35 Mr 114.00 My 117.30
Jn 118.85 Sp 102.25 Nv 105.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 279
Ja 107.25 Mr 110.75 My 112.75
Sp 99.35 Nv 102.60 Ja 105.50

SOYABEAN
Dec 161.0-60.0 Aug 152.0-50.0
Feb 164.5-64.0 Oct 151.0-47.0
Apr 165.0-64.0 Dec 150.0-40.0
Jun 157.5-56.5 Vol 175

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	81.50	83.00
Apr	96.00	96.00
May	111.50	111.50
Nov	86.50	85.60

Vol 27

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	2005.0-2006.0	1725.0-1727.0	452250	Firm
Copper Stand	1880.0-1900.0	1840.0-1860.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	404.00-405.00	394.50-395.00	58775	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde*	1555.0-1560.0	1498.0-1500.0	66300	Steadier
Silver Large†	614.00-617.00	628.00-631.00	210	Quiet
Silver Small†	614.00-617.00	628.00-631.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1343.0-1345.0	1290.0-1295.0	118300	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2510.0-2520.0	2420.0-2425.0	144475	Erly Stdy
Nickel*	15600-15700	14050-14150	7224	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	96.00	96.00
Apr	100.20	100.00
Jun	102.00	102.00
Aug	100.30	100.00

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jan	116.00	116.00
Feb	116.80	116.80
Apr	118.00	118.00

Vol Pig-15 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on December 8

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	83.07	175.30	115.14
GB (+/-)	-1.24	*+6.02	+1.00
Eng/Wal (%)	+9.2	+26.9	+6.7
Eng/Wal (p)	83.20	176.16	114.78
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.27	+7.12	+0.79
Scotland (%)	+5.3	+54.5	-8.5
Scotland (p)	78.51	172.70	116.52
Scotland (+/-)	-0.19	+2.56	+1.87

* Estimated dead carcase weight

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Nervous selling

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 28. Dealings end today. §Contango day December 12. Settlement day December 19.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Microfilm Repro	Electricals	
2	Barr (AG)	Foods	
3	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
4	Burton (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
5	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
6	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
7	Goldberg (A)	Drapery,Stores	
8	Saville Gordon (J)	Industrials S-Z	
9	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
10	Vaux Group	Breweries	
11	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
12	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
13	Leeds	Textiles	
14	Mackay (Hugh)	Textiles	
15	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
16	Cap & Counties	Property	
17	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
18	Bellway	Building,Roads	
19	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
20	Accord	Newspapers,Pub	
21	Desoutter	Industrials A-D	
22	Citygrove	Property	
23	Local Lon	Property	
24	Sutcliffe Speakman	Chemicals,Plas	
25	Lawtex	Industrials L-R	
26	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
27	Petrocon	Oil,Gas	
28	Mitel	Electricals	
29	Ratners Group	Drapery,Stores	
30	Clarkson (H)	Shipping	
31	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
32	Eleco	Industrials E-K	
33	Scot TV	Leisure	
34	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
35	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Benlox	Industrials A-D	
37	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
38	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
39	Egerton Trust	Property	
40	Sema Gp	Electricals	
41	Burmah (aa)	Oil,Gas	
42	Moss Bros	Drapery,Stores	
43	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
44	Casket Plc	Drapery,Stores	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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ACCUMULATOR £40,000
Claims better than 28 points

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BRITISH FUNDS

1987/8 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102⅜	99½	Treas	11¾% 1989	99½	..	11.5	12.989
102⅜	94	Treas	10½% 1989	99	● ..	10.5	12.487
102	88⅜	Exch	10% 1989	98⅞	..	10.1	12.482
104⅜	84⅜	Exch	10½% 1989	98⅞	..	10.3	11.881
103⅞	94⅞	Exch	11% 1989	98⅞	..	11.1	12.247
97⅞	92⅜	Treas	5% 1986-89	95⅞	..	5.23	10.532
101⅜	84	Treas C	9½% 1989	98⅞	..	9.61	12.736
97⅜	95⅜	Treas	3% 1989	97	..	3.09	10.092
102⅜	95⅜	Treas	8% 1990	96⅞	-⅛	8.2	10.127
107⅞	101⅜	Treas	13% 1990	101⅞	-⅛	12.8	11.535
104⅜	88	Exch	11% 1990	99⅞	-⅛	11.0	11.477
107⅞	100⅜	Exch	12½% 1990	101	-⅛	12.3	11.540
93⅜	89⅞	Treas	3% 1990	91⅛	..	3.29	9.860
98⅞	92⅜	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	95⅛	●-⅛	8.8	11.295
103⅞	93⅜	Treas	10% 1990	97⅝	-⅛	10.2	11.367
91⅞	87⅜	Exch	2½% 1990	87⅞	..	2.8	9.548
105⅞	93⅜	Treas C	10% 1991	98⅞	●-⅛	10.1	10.838
107⅞	94⅜	Treas	11¾% 1991	100⅜	●-⅛	11.6	11.323
98⅜	87⅜	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	89⅞	..	6.38	10.722
107⅞	95⅜	Exch	11% 1991	99⅜	..	11.0	11.184
90⅜	85⅜	Treas	3% 1991	86⅜	..	3.47	9.445
98⅜	90⅜	Treas	8¾% 1991	92	●-⅛	8.6	11.117
113⅞	104⅜	Treas	12¾% 1992	104⅞	-⅛	12.1	10.918
104⅜	97⅜	Treas	10% 1992	97⅞	-⅛	10.2	10.929
109⅞	95⅜	Treas	C10½% 1992	98⅞	-⅛	10.6	10.871
88⅞	82⅜	Treas	3% 1992	82⅞	● ..	3.63	8.892
98⅜	88⅜	Treas	9¾% 1992	91½	-⅛	8.8	10.847
112⅜	103⅜	Exch	12¼% 1992	103⅞	-⅛	11.7	10.901
117⅞	107⅜	Exch	13½% 1992	107⅞	..	..	10.849
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
97⅜	91	Treas	8¾% 1993	91⅞	-⅛	8.9	10.689
105⅞	93⅜	Treas	10% 1993	97⅞	-⅛	10.2	10.695
115⅞	105⅜	Treas	12½% 1993	106⅞	●+⅛	11.7	10.712
93	85⅞	Fund	6% 1993	85⅞	..	6.97	9.711
121⅞	107⅞	Treas	13¾% 1993	111	-⅛	12.3	10.741
101⅞	90⅞	Treas	8¾% 1994	91⅞	-⅛	9.2	10.679
94⅞	90⅞	Treas	8¾% 1994 a	91⅞			
125⅞	114⅞	Treas	14½% 1994	114⅞	-⅛	12.6	10.670
116⅞	105⅞	Exch	12½% 1994	107	-⅛	11.6	10.756
120⅞	105	Exch	13½% 1994	110⅞	-⅛	12.1	10.767
101⅞	91⅞	Treas	9% 1994	93⅞	-⅛	9.6	10.361
105⅞	95⅞	Treas	10% 1994	97⅞	●-⅛	10.2	10.491
114⅞	105⅞	Treas	12% 1995	105⅞	-⅛	11.3	10.680
83⅞	78	Gas	3% 1990-95	79	..	3.79	7.137
108⅞	98	Exch	10¾% 1995	98⅞	-⅛	10.3	10.525
120⅞	107⅞	Treas	12¾% 1995	110⅞	-⅛	11.5	10.624
126⅞	115⅞	Treas	14% 1996	116	-⅛	12.0	10.627
101⅞	93⅞	Treas	9% 1992-96	93⅞	-⅛	9.5	10.159
133⅞	117⅞	Treas	15¼% 1996	123⅞	-⅛	12.3	10.542
123⅞	110⅞	Exch	13¼% 1996	113⅞	-⅛	11.5	10.452
105⅞	95⅞	Conv	10% 1996	97⅞	-⅛	10.1	10.332
124⅞	114⅞	Treas	13¼% 1997	114⅞	-⅛	11.4	10.397
108⅞	97⅞	Exch	10½% 1997	100⅞	-⅛	10.3	10.303
98⅞	91⅞	Treas	8¾% 1997	91⅞	-⅛	9.4	10.125
134⅞	118⅞	Exch	15% 1997	124⅞	-⅛	11.9	10.518
87⅞	79⅞	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	81⅞	-⅛	8.2	9.894
104	96⅞	Exch	9¾% 1998	96⅞	-⅛	10.0	10.232
140⅞	124⅞	Treas	15½% 1998	130⅞	-⅛	11.8	10.402
118⅞	107	Exch	12% 1998	110⅞	-⅛	10.8	10.263
103⅞	95⅞	Treas	9½% 1999	98⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.948
120⅞	111⅞	Exch	12¼% 1999	112	-⅛	10.8	10.258
109⅞	99⅞	Treas	10½% 1999	101⅞	-⅛	10.2	10.112
107⅞	98	Conv	10¼% 1999	100⅞	-⅛	10.1	10.091
100⅞	89⅞	Treas	8½% 2000	90⅞	-⅛	9.3	9.880
128⅞	117⅞	Treas	13% 2000	118	●+⅛	10.9	10.235
98⅞	92⅞	Conv	9% 2000	93⅞	-⅛	9.5	9.894
106⅞	98⅞	Treas	10% 2001	99⅞	-⅛	9.9	9.954
104⅞	97⅞	Conv	9¾% 2001	98⅞	-⅛	9.8	9.908
129⅞	116⅞	Treas	14% 1998 ..	120⅞	-⅛	11.5	10.481
99⅞	91⅞	Exch	9% 2002	94	-⅛	9.5	9.745
107	9⅞	Conv	10% 2002	100⅞	-⅛	9.8	9.853
118⅞	109⅞	Exch	12% 1999 ..	109⅞	-⅛	10.8	10.293
105⅞	97⅞	Treas	9¾% 2002	99⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.800
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
108	100⅞	Treas	10% 2003	101⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.706
131⅞	122⅞	Treas	13¾% 2000 ..	122⅞	-⅛	11.1	10.285
117⅞	108⅞	Treas	11½% 2001 ..	109⅞	-⅛	10.4	10.085
108	100⅞	Treas	10% 2004	102⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.623
59⅞	54⅞	Fund	3½% 1999 ..	58⅞	●+⅛	5.9	8.288
104⅞	93⅞	Conv	9½% 2004	99⅞	-⅛	9.5	9.552
104⅞	93⅞	Conv	9½% 2005	99⅞	-⅛	9.5	9.522
113⅞	105⅞	Exch	10½% 2005	107⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.504
127⅞	116⅞	Treas	12½% 2003 ..	120⅞	-⅛	10.3	9.763
92	82⅞	Treas	8% 2002 ..	87⅞	-⅛	9.0	9.398
106⅞	99⅞	Conv	9¾% 2006	102⅞	-⅛	9.4	9.414
121⅞	112⅞	Treas	11¾% 2003 ..	114⅞	-⅛	10.2	9.761
97	89⅞	Treas	8½% 2007	92⅞	-⅛	9.1	9.273
137⅞	127⅞	Treas	13½% 2004 ..	129⅞	-⅛	10.3	9.660
101⅞	91⅞	Treas	9% 2008	97⅞	-⅛	9.1	9.218
92⅞	85	Treas	8% 2009	88	-⅛	8.9	9.156
101⅞	92⅞	Conv	9% 2011	99	●-⅛	9.0	9.065
68⅞	62⅞	Treas	5½% 2008-12	66⅞	-⅛	8.2	8.846
89⅞	82⅞	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	87⅞	-⅛	8.8	8.988
131⅞	121⅞	Exch	12% 2013-17	128⅞	●-⅛	9.2	9.048
UNDATED							
44⅞	41	Consols	4%	43⅞	..	8.9	—
40⅞	37⅞	War Ln	3½%	39⅞	..	8.8	—
62⅞	48⅞	Conv	3½%	61⅞	..	5.5	—
33⅞	30⅞	Treas	3%	32⅞	..	9.1	—
28⅞	26⅞	Consols	2½%	27⅞	● ..	8.9	—
28⅞	26	Treas	2½%	27⅞	..	9.0	—
INDEX-LINKED							
124⅞	117⅞	Treas IL	2% 1990	124			
105⅞	99	Treas IL	2% 1992	104⅞			
96⅞	92⅞	Treas IL	2% 1994	95⅞			
142	127⅞	Treas IL	2% 1996	140⅞	-⅛		
121⅞	103⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2001	118⅞	-⅛		
118⅞	101⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2003	116⅞	-⅛		
120⅞	110	Treas IL	2% 2006	118⅞	-⅛		
113⅞	95⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2009	111⅞	-⅛		
118	98⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2011	115⅞	-⅛		
97⅞	82⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2013	96⅞	-⅛		
105⅞	88⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2016	104	-⅛		
103⅞	87⅞	Treas IL	2½% 2020	102	-⅛		
87⅞	73	Treas IL	2½% 2024	85⅞	-⅛		

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Allied Irish	235	240	●-2	..	..	..
214	155	Anglo Leasing	208	215	●-2	5.3	2.5	11.2
90	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	80	83	..	2.7	3.3	35.0
255	124	Aus New Z	250	254	-3	..	..	..
10⅞	5⅞	Bankamerica	9⅞		..	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	235	240	●-3	..	..	..
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	16	19	..			
350	346	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
399	334	Bank Of Scotland	359	362	-2	17.6	4.9	8.3
65	45	Bank Of Wales	58	65	..	3.7	6.0	8.9
463	302	Barclays (aa)	403	406	-2	27.9	6.9	19.9
38	26	Benchmark	26	29	..	2.2	7.9	16.0
435	330	Brown Shipley	333	343	● ..	14.0	4.1	12.7
77	45	Bus Mortgage	53	63	..			
394	318	Cater Allen	335	343	●+2	30.0	8.8	11.7
71	54	Cattles	56	58	..	3.7	6.5	10.7
270	175	Charterhouse	207	215	●-2	8.9	4.2	12.4
18⅞	11⅞	Chase Manhattan	14⅞		-⅛	..	..	..
15⅞	9⅞	Citicorp	14⅞		..	..	..	..
200	162	Close Bros	185	195	..	6.7	3.5	17.8
81⅞	66⅞	Commerzbank	73⅞		+⅛	..	..	..
176	114⅞	Deutsche Bank	168⅞		+1⅞	..	..	..
38	24	Equity & Gen	28	31	●-1	1.9	6.3	9.0
270	194	First Nat Finance	220	224	-1	12.3	5.5	7.2
74	48	GPG	46	49	● ..	2.3	4.8	8.1
340	285	Gerrard Nat	263	275	●-3	24.0	8.8	14.8
134	30	Guinness Mahon	128	129	..	1.6	1.3	15.8
285	205	Hambros	203	207	-3	12.4	6.0	8.4
57	42	HK Shanghai	41	44	..	3.3	7.7	..
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	480	500	..	19.6	4.0	20.3
158	130½	King & Shaxson	128	133	●-2	12.3	9.4	13.2
407	296	Kleinwort Benson	233	238	-3	18.7	6.3	7.2
342½	238	Lloyds	328	330	-1	18.8	5.7	..
57	41	Lon Scot Bk	33	42	-1	2.5	6.1	10.6
448	370	Midland (aa)	409	412	-3	28.0	6.8	..
354	235	Morgan Grenfell	298	302	-6	14.5	4.8	20.1
331	146	Nat Aust Bk	309	313	-5	..	..	..
605	522	Nat West (aa)	521	523	-7	33.7	6.5	9.1
359	308	Provident	313	318	-3	23.3	7.4	8.8
111	30	Rea Bros	60	65	-2	0.3	0.5	..
183	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	152	155	● ..	10.7	6.9	6.1
360	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	347	350	-1	20.0	5.7	5.2
10	850	Schroders	850	900	..	22.0	2.5	11.0
526	372	Stand Chart (aa)	475	477	-1	46.7	9.8	..
118½	98	TSB (aa)	106	107	-½	6.6	6.2	7.1
505	493	Union Disc	490	500	..	38.4	7.8	11.2
355	276	Warburg SG	278	283	●-3	15.6	5.6	7.5
133	95	Do 6% 'A'	97	100	-2	8.0	8.1	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	35¾		..	..	..	..
458	440	Wintrust	435	450	..	9.3	2.1	16.3

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
489	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	456	461	-3	18.2	4.0	13.7
867	734	Bass (aa)	770	775	-2	31.3	4.0	8.8
68	44	Belhaven	50	52	-1½	1.0	2.0	19.9
175	127	Boddington	168	172	-2	5.4	3.2	17.6
207	129	Buckleys	151	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	148	155	..	8.7	5.7	10.2
185	120	Burtonwood Brew	188	197	● ..	4.3	2.2	23.8
405	332	Clark (Matthew)	397	407	..	14.7	3.7	11.1
371	292	Devenish (JA)	295	302	-4	4.0	1.3	26.3
290	176	Greenall Whitley	247	252	-1	8.3	3.3	14.2
494	433	Greene King	445	450	-2	9.9	2.2	19.9
357	271	Guinness (aa)	327	330	..	12.9	3.9	10.9
810	690	Hardys & Hansons	800	820	..	30.0	3.7	15.1
136	76	Highland Dstl	131	135	●-1	3.9	2.9	17.7
415	188	Invergordon Dstl	400	405	..	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dstl	375	385	..			
169	110	Macdon Thompson	164	168	..	4.0	2.4	18.7
683	464	Morland	625	670	● ..	12.1	1.9	11.1
368	250	SA Breweries	285	290	● ..			
411	306	Scot & New (aa)	392	394	-3	12.2	3.1	19.4
732	479	Vaux Group	727	730	+1	21.8b	3.0	22.3
318	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	287	289	●-4	14.7	5.1	10.7
9⅞	324	Do 'B'	9	10	● ..	14.7	1.5	35.4
438	298	Whitbread Inv	435	440	● ..	12.6	2.9	46.5
450	351	Wolverhampton & D	430	437	-5	8.2	1.9	18.5
530	345	Young 'A'	495	515	● ..	12.5	2.5	29.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	195	Abbey	190	200	-3	..	..	7.6
400	315	Amec	337	341	●-2	19.3	5.7	9.9
457	331	Anglia Sec	353	368	-2	4.7	1.3	10.5
54	34	Anglo Utd	36	38	-2	1.3	3.4	18.2
208	90	Arncliffe	143	158	..	5.3	3.5	9.5
325	247	Atwoods	291	294	-1	9.3	3.2	16.3
310	219	BPB Ind (aa)	219	221	-3	12.3	5.6	7.6
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	290	300	+2	5.0	1.7	20.8
107	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	87	91	●-1	2.9	3.3	7.1
215	154	Barratt Devs	157	159	-1½	14.9	9.4	8.3
272	181	Bellway	195	200	●+1	13.3	6.7	5.6
113	83	Bellwinch	92	97	..	5.0	5.3	7.7
384	192	Beazley Gp	188	195	-9	4.7	2.4	7.3
122	83	Bett Bros	98	106	..	5.1	5.0	16.2
400	320	Blockleys	300	350	-5	9.7	3.0	17.7
474	408	Blue Circle (aa)	425	428	-5	21.3	5.0	18.1
398	318	Boot (Henry)	351	375	-3	20.0	5.4	8.7
235	84	Breedon PLC	106	118	s ..	4.6	4.1	29.8
170	110	Br Dredging	119	126	●-1	6.9	5.5	25.8
157	94	Bryant	95	98	-1	5.7	5.9	6.1
168	112	CALA	130	135	..	3.7	2.8	9.3
144	110	CRH	125	129	..			
155	104	Cakebread Robey	127	137	● ..	5.1	3.9	22.9
358	258	Caradon	313	320	-3	12.0	3.8	11.8
140	81	Church Charles	81	85	..	5.3	6.4	6.2
411	195	Coalite Grp	380	395	-7	8.7	2.2	13.3
225	112	Copson PLC	170	177	-3	4.0	2.3	21.6
338	259	Costain	295	297	-7	14.0	4.7	12.1
317	203	Countryside	220	230	-18	3.0	1.3	11.0
231	182	Crest Nicholson	160	163	-3	8.3	5.1	8.2
126	73	Crosby James	97	102	-5	3.2	3.2	7.1
313	229	Douglas (RM)	280	285	-5	5.7b	2.0	14.1
41	23	Edmond Hldgs	34	35	-1	1.5	4.3	16.3
111	78	Erith	87	92	-3	4.4	4.9	12.1
309	175	Federated Hsg	213	217	-10	7.7	3.6	7.8
98	75	Fletan Gp	76	80	-2	6.3	8.1	11.1
78	60	Galliford	65	67	-1	4.3	6.5	11.4
270	210	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	265	275	..	3.5	1.3	36.3
615	385	Gleeson (MJ)	580	600	● ..	10.9	1.8	14.1
285	169	Hanson Ind	163	173	-7	9.1	5.4	8.0
129	91	Hewden-Stuart	118	120	●-3	2.9	2.4	15.4
320	251	Heywood Williams	248	253	-3	13.3	5.3	11.2
360	291	Higgs & Hill	300	305	-5	13.3	4.4	8.5
90	67	Hinw Gp	70	75	-1	3.5	4.8	8.3
89	49	Howard Hldgs	49	51	..	1.7	3.4	8.4
202	141	Ibstock Johnsen	140	142	-5	6.0	4.3	9.2
193	85½	Jarvis (J) & Sons	148	153	r -2	..	..	..
356	270	Laing (J)	280	285	-3	10.7	3.8	9.4
170	106	Lawrence (Walter)	106	109	●-2	7.3	6.8	6.8
58	38	Lilley (FJC)	49	50	●-½	..	..	57.8
260	155	Lovell (YJ)	199	202	-4	7.0	3.5	9.9
252	184½	Magnet (aa)	185	187	-3	9.7	5.2	11.1
224	147	Manders	215	220	..	7.6	3.5	24.3
180	128	Marley	139	141	-1	7.3	5.2	10.0
263	223	Marshalls (Halifax)	225	230	-2	10.0	4.4	11.2
133	78	Maunders (J)	88	93	-1	4.2	4.6	7.5
509	283	McAlpine (Alfred)	300	309	-3	21.5	7.0	6.1
487	344	McCarthy & S	341	348	-4	5.7	1.7	10.4
429	341	Meyer Int	355	358	●-11	14.8	4.1	9.5
240	56	Miller (Stanley)	163	168	-4	2.0	1.2	..
438	338	Mowlem (John)	336	340	●-4	23.7	7.0	8.8
108	57	NSM	66	69	..	..	..	..
18½	10⅞	Newarthill	17½	18½	..	18.7	1.0	45.2
185	163	Newman Tonks	160	165	-2	10.5	6.4	11.9
184	108	Persimmon	134	138	-3	6.0	4.4	10.9
128	75	Phoenix Timber	74	77	-12	3.3	4.3	9.5
10	715	Pochins	9⅞	10⅞	●..	25.3	2.5	9.7
194	143	Poyning	140	145	●-2	4.5	3.1	8.8
520	433	RMC Gp (aa)	475	478	●-5	16.1	3.4	11.3
111	73	Raine Ind	76	79	●-2	4.0	5.2	9.0
492	395	Redland (aa)	398	400	-5	17.1	4.3	9.3
285	125	Rubercid	275	278	..	5.9	2.1	20.1
181	111	Rugby Group	130	131	-1½	6.2	4.8	11.7
312	173	Sharpe & Fisher	273	283	-4	5.3	1.9	18.6
153	111	Sugri (J)	127	132	● ..	7.7	5.9	11.9
352	278	Stanley	316	319	-1	13.3	4.2	11.3
264	211	Tarmac (aa)	214	218	-3	10.3	4.8	9.4
350	89	Tay Homes	93	98	s -1	3.6	3.8	6.1
636	351	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	592	595	-5	14.7	2.5	22.0
450	233	Tilbury Group	340	350	-3	12.8	3.7	11.3
300	215	Travis Perkins	230	240	-2	7.2	3.1	11.2
340	189	Turriff	275	285	●-11	12.1	4.3	12.7
165	111	Vibroplant	150	155	-2	3.6	2.4	11.7
192	135	Ward Group	170	180	-5	6.1	3.5	13.9
181	82	Ward Hldgs	90	97	..	3.2	3.4	8.0
335	261	Watts Blake	320	327	..	8.6	2.7	15.3
267	202	Westbury	215	220	●-2	9.0	4.1	8.9
282	151	Wiggins	212	217	-3	10.0	4.7	9.7
260	143	Wilson Bowden	198	202	-6	6.5	3.3	11.1
220	143	Wilson (Connolly)	141	145	..	3.3	2.3	10.9
286	219	Wimpey G (aa)	244	246	-3	10.3	4.2	10.3
129	91	YRM	87	95	-5	4.0	4.4	8.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	109	111	..	3.1	2.8	12.3
677	441	Amersham	508	513	●-8	13.7	2.7	16.5
159	122	BTP	118	125	-5	8.6	7.0	12.9
99⅞	78⅞	Bayer DM50	92⅞		-⅞	..	..	..
201	148	Blagden	155	160	-3	10.5	6.6	11.6
165	118	Brent Chems	122	124	-2	7.1a	5.8	11.2
243	169	Canning (W)	205	210	-4	7.3	3.5	10.6
343	285	Coalite	320	323	-2	13.4	4.2	10.3
368	284	Coates Bros	280	287	●-4	10.5	3.7	9.3
213	173	Croda	182	184	+½	12.5	6.8	12.0
184	139	Ellis & Everard	165	170	..	7.5	4.5	12.3
34	21	European Colour	23	24½	..	1.2	5.0	26.1
183	152	Evode	169	173	-3	6.2	3.6	14.3
273	216	Foseco	238	240	●-3	15.1	6.3	10.6
255	226	Halstead (James)	243	248	..	11.0	4.5	8.9
246	133	Hickson	195	198	r -2	8.3	4.2	12.9
99⅞	78⅞	Hoechst DM50	93⅞		-⅞	..	..	..
11⅞	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	973	978	-3	57.3	5.9	8.3
439	350	Laporte (aa)	378	381	-2	16.8	4.4	11.8
257	157	Leigh	220	223	-2	7.8	3.5	18.2
9⅞	5⅞	Norsk Hydro	9		..			
183	131	Plysu	154	158	-3	3.1	2.0	17.0
295	285	Reabrook Hldgs	270	320	..	5.8	2.0	26.3
223	173	Rentokil	210	212	-1	4.7	2.2	18.6
171	100	Sutcliffe Speakman	113	118	+1	2.7	2.3	13.8
545	270	Wolstenholme Rink	382	417	-3	16.3	4.0	12.8
275	213	Yorkshire Chem	240	242	-2	10.7	4.4	10.6
141	108	Yule Catto	110	115	..	4.5	4.0	13.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	324	Alexon	322	325	-1	12.7	3.9	10.2
78	21	Amber Day	39½	41	-½	..	..	42.6
94	61	Aquascutum 'A'	63	67	●+2	4.0	6.2	11.9
136	91	Ashley (Laura)	91	94	● ..	3.1	3.3	13.3
385	330	Austin Reed	355	370	..	11.3	3.1	20.2
171	118	Beattie (James) 'A'	153	157	..	5.5	3.5	15.2
202	149	Bentalls	162	165	-2	4.3	2.6	24.3
24½	9¼	Blacks Leis	9	10	●-¼	0.2	2.1	11.7
643	230	Body Shop	505	515	-4	2.4	0.5	54.3
91	51	Brerman	63	67	-1	0.3	0.5	65.5
54	33	Brown & Jackson	38	39½	● ..	0.1	0.3	29.3
350	158	Brown (N)	153	163	●-2	6.7	4.2	10.0
264	168½	Burton (aa)	176	178	+3	11.2	6.3	7.1
148	83	Cantors 'A'	92	97	-3	3.0	3.2	8.7
93	60	Casket plc	68	72	+1	4.0	5.7	10.8
478	415	Church	425	445	..	15.3	3.5	13.6
287	144	Coats Viyella (aa)	145	146	●-3	12.0	8.2	5.0
242	145	Courts Furnishers	170	180	-5	6.4	3.7	16.8
620	400	DAKS Simpson 'A'	590	620	● ..	14.6	2.4	9.6
54	37½	Dewhirst (IJ)	37	38	-1	1.3	3.5	8.3
217	136½	Dixons Grp (aa)	137	139	..	5.7	4.1	8.6
235	154	Dewhurst	205	212	●-8	4.1	2.0	15.8
97	38	ERA Gp	59	63	●-2	3.3	5.4	8.9
740	655	Elys (Wimbledon)	710	760	●+10	16.0	2.2	19.1
262	204	Empire Stores	202	205	-4	7.0	3.4	25.4
256	154	Etam	153	156	●-1	8.2	5.3	8.0
257	204	Fine Art Dev	209	211	-2	9.1	4.3	12.5
345	270	Forminster	315	335	..	10.8	3.3	9.3
76	50	Gent SR	66	68	+1	2.0	3.0	12.2
238	188	Goldberg (A)	193	198	+4	7.5	3.8	17.3
17⅞	15⅞	GUS	16	16½	●-½	38.0b	2.3	16.7
11⅞	936	Do 'A' (aa)	932	940	●-10	38.0	4.1	9.6
46	30½	Helene Plc	30	31½	● ..	2.2	7.1	9.9
272	165	Hogg Robinson plc	173	175	●-½	6.3	3.6	14.7
69	57	Hollas	64	66	..	3.9	6.0	11.9
212	145	House Of Lerose	160	170	-3	12.9	7.8	16.7
72	50	Leslie Wise Gp	58	61	-3	3.7	6.2	10.4
11⅞	10⅞	Liberty	11¼	11½	..	14.1	1.2	24.1
190	141	Marks Spencer (aa)	142	144	●+2	7.0	4.9	11.8
388	279	Menzies (John)	295	303	● ..	7.6	2.5	9.8
281	190	Moss Bros	235	250	●+5	3.8	1.6	29.7
298	123	Next (aa)	133	134	●+8½	9.9	7.4	6.4
565	340	Oliver (G)	500	530	-10	17.2	3.3	17.8
135	82	Pentos	82	85	-1	1.9	2.3	9.5
266	172	Ratners Group	172	175	r +1	7.2	4.1	8.2
98	65	S & U Stores	63	73	+1	5.3	7.8	6.8
145	108	Sears (aa)	110	111	●-½	6.3	5.7	11.7
337	221	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	229	232	-4	12.0	5.2	9.4
325	195	Sock Shop	197	207	-1	..	..	36.3
150	92	Stead & Simpson 'A'	108	112	..	6.1	5.5	15.2
280	162	Storehouse (aa)	185	186	-1	11.7	6.3	10.2
182	130	T & S Stores	135	145	..	3.1	2.2	14.7
287	200	Tibbet & Britten	250	260	-10	6.5	2.5	21.2
151	72	Tie Rack	78	83	●-2	1.8	2.2	14.4
245	153	Time Products	180	185	●+1	7.1	3.9	10.0
150	77	Underwoods	141	145	..	3.3	2.3	45.3
181	78	Vinst	81	85	-2	..	..	14.2
341	221	Ward White	219	222	●-2	12.2	5.5	7.3
285	187	Wickes	183	192	..	1.8	1.0	17.2
238	160	Widney Office	205	215	r -2	5.3	2.5	16.5
307	232	Woolworth (aa)	232	236	..	12.4	5.3	9.5

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
474	340	AB Elect	372	383	-3	20.0	5.3	8.6
111	70	ABB Kent	87	90	●-1	4.0	4.5	22.5
173	87	Adwest Comp	130	135	..	3.0	2.3	18.8
145	88	Alba	113	118	●-2	5.8	5.0	10.7
321	171	Alphamerc	167	177	-1	4.7	2.7	8.3
234½	113	Amstrad (aa)	147	149	-3	1.9	1.3	7.7
126	94	Apricot Computers	102	107	●-3	3.0	2.9	10.2
170	94	Arlen	92	98	..	4.0b	4.2	7.8
154	77	Audio Fidelity	121	126	+1	2.0	1.6	7.7
283	215½	Auto Sec	252	255	-1	3.1	1.2	15.8
66	35	Beacon Go	43	44	r -1	0.7a	1.7	..
44	29	Bennett & Fountain	27	29	● ..	1.3	4.6	9.3
403	302	BICC (aa)	375	379	●-6	18.3	4.8	17.3
104	61	BSR	59	62	-1½	3.1	5.1	8.8
217	133	Black	206	212	..	6.1	2.9	15.2
122	80	Borland	77	82	-1	..	..	..
193	145	Bowthorpe	158	163	●-8	4.7b	2.9	12.3
216	154	Britannia Security	152	157	r -2	3.0	1.9	11.3
280	193	Br Telecom (aa)	254	256	-1	13.3	5.2	11.2
27	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	20	-1	0.3	1.4	12.1
409	312	Cable Wireless (aa)	361	363	-9	9.6	2.6	18.2
262	193	Cambridge Elec	222	226	-8	11.7	5.2	11.1
67	32	Cambridge Instr	48	50	-3	1.1	2.3	16.1
67	47	Colonec	52	56	-1	2.7	5.1	24.7
243	164	Cray Elect	162	169	-6	4.4	2.7	17.3
183	140	Crystalate	138	142	-4	7.8	5.6	8.7
120	50	DDT Group	118	120	●-1	1.6	1.4	42.8
120	75	Dale Elec	109	113	-3	5.7	5.1	13.3
348	165	Dornion	193	208	..	4.3	2.2	9.8
64	53	Dowding & Mills	59	61	-1	2.7	4.5	11.7
221	176	Electrocomponents	180	185	●-3	6.1	3.3	12.4
128	99	Elec Data Process	108	113	..	2.8	2.5	9.4
152	105	Election House	125	130	..	6.0	4.7	10.0
84	58	Electronic Mach	56	64	r -4	1.2	2.0	80.0
480	367	Emess	425	432	-3	11.5	2.7	16.2
412	267	Eurotherm	365	375	-9	8.8	2.3	13.5
143	113	FKI Babcock (aa)	121	123	-6	3.1	2.5	10.6
179	131	Farnell Elect	129	133	●-7	5.1	3.9	10.0
104	76½	Ferrant Ind (aa)	91	93	-1	3.2	3.5	11.5
68	45	Forward Tech	42	47	-1	1.3	2.9	7.3
181	144	GEC (aa)	176	178	-1	9.1	5.1	10.5
405	192	Harland Simon	367	374	..	3.7	1.0	24.1
85	46	Highland Elect	70	75	●+2	4.0	5.5	11.6
420	185	Hoskyns Gp	410	430	..	32.0	7.6	37.7
65	28	ITL Gp	25	30	..	2.7	9.6	4.9
260	150	Jones Stroud	230	250	..	8.0	3.3	12.4
385	225	Kode	220	230	..	20.7	9.2	7.3
385	250	Lec Refrigeration	340	350	..	18.0	5.2	9.6
58½	37	Life Sciences	52	55	..	1.3	2.4	32.0
384	232	Logica	345	355	-2	3.1	0.9	19.3
299	228	Macro 4	237	252	-3	5.2	2.1	15.2
254	173	Memec	225	235	-3	5.9	2.6	15.0
35	30	MBS	35	40	-7	1.3s	3.4	8.7
453	282	Microfilm Repro	425	440	+2	4.5	1.0	32.9
189	87	Micro Focus	140	150	..	..	..	14.7
316	200	Microgen	196	203	-12	8.0	4.0	12.4
180	115	Mitel	135		+7	..	..	..
24⅞	17⅞	Molex	18⅞		..	..	..	..
83	43	Multitone Elect	63	68	..	0.1	0.2	..
44	29	Murray Elect	33	35	● ..	0.3	0.9	..
137	88½	NEI	126½	127½	●-3½	7.2b	5.7	41.4
122	48	NMW Comp	47	51	-3	..	..	8.6
153	133	National Telecom	135	137	● ..	2.0	1.5	12.3
348	253	Newmark (Louis)	340	355	..	19.6	5.6	10.5
395	245	Northamber	323	330	r -3	2.0	0.6	16.0
24	14	Oceonics	14	16	..	..	..	..
278	200	Oxford Instruments	208	213	-5	3.7	1.8	14.1
221	135	P-E International	187	197	-5	5.1	2.7	13.7
257	175	P & P	207	212	-4	2.7	1.3	17.4
69	32	Peak	31	33	●-1	0.4	1.3	21.1
82½	72½	Philips Fin 5¼%	73	78	● ..	575	7.6	..
10	700	Philips Lamps N/V	1 83		..	..	..	..
320	230	Pico	297	307	..	11.3	3.7	8.4
272	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	246	253	..	11.3	4.5	7.0
261	156	Pegnes House	240	245	-2	9.9	4.1	13.4
227	141	Plessey (aa)	208	211	-7	9.2	4.4	13.2
185	117	Pressac	141	146	●-6	2.3	1.6	11.9
125	74	Quest Automation	109	114	-8	2.0	1.8	9.6
257	105	Quotient	100	110	..	4.3	4.1	5.1
351½	202	Racal Elect (aa)	260	262	-3	6.0	2.3	18.6
180	103	Rose	100	105	..	4.7	4.6	10.8
86	68	SD-Scicon	72	74	-1	0.9	1.2	21.9
155	97	Scantronic	105	110	●-2	2.3	2.1	18.3
308	172	Scholes Grp	233	240	-15	9.1	3.8	16.6
323	192	Sema Go	322	325	+2	2.9	0.9	24.8
110	75	Sintrom	90	100	..	3.1	3.3	12.6
39	20	Sound Diffusion	20	23	..	0.1r	0.5	..
301	218½	STC (aa)	264	266	-1	10.3	3.9	11.8
23⅞	18⅞	TDK	20⅞		..	..	..	..
358	192	Telephone Rentals	337	341	●+2	12.0	3.5	24.9
61	15	Telemetrix	36	38	..	..	..	..
222	127	Therm Scientific	217	224	..	5.3	2.4	16.4
677	533	THORN EMI (aa)	617	620	-6	29.3	4.7	11.8
415	250	Tunstall	240	260	-15	5.0	2.0	11.7
426	332	UEI	383	390	-12	9.7	2.5	18.1
352	184	Unitech	193	198	-3	12.1	6.2	10.0
230	140	Utd Scientific	182	185	-1	9.2	5.0	14.1
423	293	VG Instruments	285	300	-3	6.5	2.2	9.8
425	325	Volex	360	380	-5	18.7	5.1	13.1
122	86	Western Selection	83	88	..	4.8	5.6	8.5
508	390	Wholesale Fittings	463	473	-5	17.2	3.7	14.9

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
445	63	AC Hldgs	75	80	..	1.1	1.4	15.2
280	192	Abingworth	245	250	-2	1.7	0.7	..
106	57	Aitken Hume	54	58	-1	3.3	5.8	85.1
87	68	Ass Hennques	73	77	..	3.3	4.4	30.7
410	195	Authority Inv	190	200	..	8.0	4.1	10.1
195	133	Berkeley Govett	128	138	-2	..	..	..
303	214	Br Commonwealth (aa)	212	215	●-6	11.3	5.3	9.1
138	90	Burns-Anderson	87	92	-1	5.0	5.6	13.9
22	18⅞	Camellia	17½	19½	..	24.0	1.3	39.4
483	260	Candover	455	470	..	12.7	2.7	64.8
190	75	Centreway	78	88	..	..	..	16.2
608	414	Charles Int	592	597	-3	18.7	3.1	13.1
110	83	Dominion Int	99	102	-2	7.5	7.4	9.8
465	395	Harvey&Thompson	415	425	..	16.0	3.8	14.8
103	64	IRCO	75	80	-3	5.3	6.8	11.2
145	111	Ivory & Sime	125	130	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
175	125	LIT	128	133	..	10.0	7.6	14.2
217	184	Majedie	205	207	●-2	8.7	4.2	31.0
160	103	Nat Home Loans	105	115	●+2	9.4	8.5	10.0
75	53	Newmarket	59	62	..	..	..	..
200	38	Parrish Plc	47	57	+2	..	..	..
82	75½	Rit Cap Prtnrs	79	81	-½	1.2	1.5	..
185	96	Sewerenes Plc	93	103	●-2	..	..	..
92	66	Singer & Fried	84	87	..	2.0	3.0	21.9
10⅞	915	Sotheby's	970	990	● ..	..	..	..
143	105	Templeton Glbrth	115	120	..	4.3	3.6	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17⅞	11⅞	American Express	15		-⅛	..	..	..
109	64	Argyle	89	98	+12	4.0	4.3	24.4
118	89	Britannia Arrow	101	104	..	7.3	7.1	7.7
44⅞	26⅞	Daily Mail	43	48	+⅞	84.7	2.1	20.3
214⅞	192⅞	Electra	212½	214	..	6.4	3.0	43.0
253	215	Frost Gp	222	227	●-1	10.7	4.8	18.0
180	128	GT Management	172	177	●+1	6.7	3.8	8.8
135	116	Goode Durrant	113	118	..	4.4	3.8	7.9
805	623	Henderson Admin	633	663	●+3	36.0	5.6	10.4
198	80⅞	ICH	86	89	● ..	10.0	11.4	7.9
111	84	MAI	83	85	..	5.7	6.7	8.3
380	280	MAM	353	360	● ..	16.7	4.7	9.2
400	284	M & G	263	268	-4	18.0	3.8	12.8
45	34	Rothmd	38	40	..	0.5	1.3	23.5
193	150	Smith New Court	148	155	-1	10.7	7.0	13.1
166	118	Tyndall Hldgs	115	120	-1	7.3	6.2	11.4

FOODS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
327	272	AB Food (aa)	296	298	-4	11.5	3.9	9.9
183	135	ASDA Group (aa)	134	136	-5	5.5	4.1	10.8
62	28	Alpine Group	25	30	..	..	..	..
185	120	Appleton Hldgs	138	148	-2	4.1	2.9	25.9
212	159	Argyll (aa)	164	166	-2	7.5	4.5	12.6
91	35	Ashley Group	69	71	-2	..	..	..
190	151	Assoc Fisheries	163	168	..	6.7	4.0	16.6
220	170	Banks (Sidney C)	167	177	..	9.3	5.4	7.8
703	543	Barr (AG)	695	710	+7	17.3	2.5	12.3
293	195	Bassett Foods	283	288	..	10.6	3.7	14.8
111	80	Batleys	100	105	..	3.2	3.1	14.8
205	149	Bejam	150	153	-3	7.0	4.6	12.3
418	274	Berisford (S&W) (aa)	388	392	●-6	19.3	4.9	15.7
415	348	Booker	362	367	●-5	22.1	6.1	13.0
74	42	Borthwick	46	48	-1	0.7	1.5	..
238	183	Brake Bros	218	223	●-2	3.9	1.8	19.6
153	113	Bridgen	114	118	●-2	5.3	4.6	11.4
429	231	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	331	333	-9	11.1	3.3	18.6
257	188	Carrs Milling	218	228	-2	9.7	4.3	7.9
235	176	Clifford Dairies 'A'	230	235	..	12.1	5.2	11.6
88	55	Cullens	65	69	..	..	..	..
358	272	Dalgety (aa)	287	290	●-8	20.0	6.9	10.8
117	68	Daniels S	66	73	..	4.3	6.1	14.6
82	39	England (J)	40	45	-2	..	e	..
131	78	FII Fyffes	113	118	..	..	..	..
149	85	Fisher (A)	84	86	●-3	3.0	3.5	12.9
288	244	Flock Lovell	260	263	-1	16.0	6.1	12.6
212	145	Gateway Corp (aa)	144	146	-4	11.3	7.8	9.5
288	219	Geest	230	235	●-3	5.8	2.5	18.7
260	209	Hazlewood Foods	213	217	-3	4.0	1.9	16.5
307	240	Hillsdown (aa)	240	241	●-5	6.7	2.8	11.7
198	143	Hunter Saphir	140	145	-5	5.4	3.8	12.6
373	285	Iceland Frozen	315	320	..	6.1	1.9	18.4
377	300	Kwik Save	356	359	●-2	10.4	2.9	15.4
120	65	Lees (John J)	105	115	● ..	2.7	2.5	17.5
303	123	Lovell (GF)	195	210	..	2.7	1.3	..
690	554	Low (Wm)	686	692	-1	22.7	3.3	12.0
98	68½	Matthews (Bernard)	82	84	-2	2.8	3.4	11.7
338	203	Meat Trade Supp	325	340	-5	4.9	1.5	..
268	232	Morrison (W)	230	234	-3	2.7	1.2	12.9
265	230	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	225	235	..	10.8	4.7	12.7
69½	45	Normans	56	57	-½	2.8	5.0	16.1
314	243	Alton Foods (aa)	274	276	-2	14.0	5.1	11.1
184	121	Nurdin & Peacock	174	177	..	6.1	3.5	15.8
247	172	Park Foods	158	178	-2	7.1	4.1	12.5
103	66	Pizzagen	65	70	r ..	0.3	0.4	..
490	303	RHM (aa)	344	346	● ..	14.2	4.1	11.3
250	191	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	190	192	●-4	5.9	3.1	14.8
175	130	Salvesen (Chstn)	142	144	-7	5.7	4.0	13.9
889	740	Tate & Lyle (aa)	820	825	..	39.3	4.8	8.5
103	85	Tavener Rutledge	85	90	..	1.7	1.9	11.1
172	127½	Tesco (aa)	128	130	-2½	4.0	3.1	12.5
137	125	Thorntons	124	128	-1	2.8	2.2	17.4
345	253	Unigate (aa)	284	286	●-5	17.3	6.1	11.4
322	248	Utd Biscuits (aa)	274	276	●-6	15.3	5.6	11.8
230	187	Watson & Philip	197	205	..	11.1	5.5	14.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
270	188	Friendly Hotels	253	257	●-3	2.9	1.1	16.8
526	445	Grand Met (aa)	443	448	r -3	17.3	3.9	12.5
465	322	Ladbroke (aa)	425	427	-1½	19.7	4.6	14.5
38½	24	Norfolk Cap Gp	32	33	-1	0.6	1.8	25.8
171	106	Mount Charlotte	150	153	-2	2.7	1.8	18.9
115	82	Queens Moat	101	103	r -3	2.8	2.7	18.1
22	15	Resort Hotels	19	20½	..	0.6	3.0	13.4
11⅞	733	Savoy Hotels 'A'	785	820	..	6.7	0.8	24.5
114	81	Stakis	89	91	-1	2.4	2.7	15.2
281	211	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	257	258	-6½	9.8	3.8	17.8

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
188	82	AAF Inv	170	180	-2	7.2	4.1	11.1
317	245½	AAH	264	266	-8	14.2	5.4	9.4
148	91	ADT (aa)	115	117	●-1	..	..	..
300	188	AIM	268	278	..	10.0	3.7	12.5
278	216	AMI Health	242	245	●-1	8.8	3.6	13.8
71	44	APG	62	64	●-1	2.3	3.7	15.1
134	106	APV	116	118	-3	5.9	5.0	12.6
213	153	ASW	198	200	●-1	13.3	6.7	10.9
139	107	Aaronson	105	108	-2	7.4	6.9	9.4
185	148	Adwest	146	149	s -6	7.8	5.3	10.2
100	77	Aerospace Eng	83	88	..	3.5	4.1	15.5
165	142	Alexandra W'wear	157	159	-1	4.6	2.9	15.8
350	210	Alumasc	232	242	-10	10.2	4.3	12.1
365	295	Amber Ind	340	380	● ..	15.3	4.3	13.1
59½	34	Armour	53	54½	..	1.2	2.2	12.5
783	625	Ash & Lacey	770	785	-5	44.0	5.7	11.8
7	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4	4½	..	..	..	13.7
149	73	Aurora	146	150	..	4.5	3.0	23.8
84½	50	Avdel	79½	81	● ..	2.1	2.6	19.3
383	278	Avis Europe	306	309	●-4	12.3	4.0	13.7
749	594	Avon Rubber	602	607	-15	18.7	3.1	9.4
210	90	Ayrshire Metal	195	205	..	11.3b	5.7	15.1
290	235	BAA (aa)	282	284	●-1½	10.3	3.9	12.0
188	139	BBA	150	152	-2	4.3	2.8	9.3
256	218	BET Ord (aa)	225	226	-3½	14.0	6.2	11.6
404	350	BM Gp	375	390	-4	4.0	1.0	15.9
433	365	BOC (aa)	402	405	●-2	18.9	4.7	9.1
79	55	BSG	56½	58	●-½	2.8	4.9	9.5
410	303	BSS Group	398	403	-2	16.0	4.0	11.7
301	238	BTR (aa)	286	288	s ..	14.4	5.0	14.0
272	181	BWI	195	200	●+1	13.3	6.7	5.6
28	13¼	Bailey (CH)	13½	14½	-½	..	..	5.3
277	198	Baird (Wm)	210	212	●-2	9.1	4.3	9.9
50	31	Barlsey	45	48	..	0.3	0.8	15.3
403	343	Barlow Rand	355	370	●-2	..	..	..
203	120	Barrett (H)	173	178	●-5	4.5	2.6	12.9
213	142	BWI	180	185	r ..	6.0	3.3	10.2
735	625	Barton Transport	695	705	● ..	32.0t	4.7	..
48	24	Baynes (Charles)	23	25	-1	..	..	..
12½	7	Bear Brand	8¼	9¼	-½	0.7	7.4	1.9
225	95	Beaufort	182	192	..	5.8	3.0	18.2
207	159½	Beazer PLC (aa)	164	166	●-3	8.5	5.2	6.8
497	440	Beecham (aa)	456	458	●-1	20.0	4.4	13.8
69	29	Benlox	50	52	●+1	0.2	0.4	..
317	170	Bespak	295	300	+1	6.7	2.2	18.7
74	39	Bestwood	48	51	●-1	0.7	1.4	..
220	159	Bibby (J)	158	165	●-2	11.3	7.0	8.8
185	115	Billam (J)	148	154	●-2	5.4	3.6	..
455	305	Birmid Qualcast	448	450	● ..	12.7	2.8	28.0
202	150	Birmingham Mint	155	163	..	10.3	6.5	8.1
130	88	Black Arrow	98	108	● ..	4.0	3.9	17.3
161	131	Black (Peter)	147	152	-1	2.2	1.5	13.5
81	42	Blackwood Hodge	43½	44½	-3	1.7	3.9	9.1
126	82	Blue Arrow (aa)	82	83	-1½	1.6	1.9	12.4
306	226	Bodycote	290	298	● ..	7.7	2.6	15.1
259	194½	Boots (aa)	216	218	●+3	12.3	5.7	11.9
132	60	Booth Incs	97	104	-3	2.1	2.1	18.9
452	352	Bowater	403	405	-10	19.0	4.7	13.5
29⅞	13½	Bowater Inc	14	14½	..	..	..	..
265	230	Brammer	250	255	-5	6.0	2.4	10.8
85	46	Brasway	53	56	-2	1.4	2.5	13.6
250	216	Brammer	225	228	-5	16.7	7.4	12.9
55	37	Bridgend Gp	41	44	● ..	0.6	1.4	21.8
198½	137	Bridon	168	170	●-2	8.7	5.1	19.2
256	173	Bridport-Gundry	227	232	-1	9.3	4.0	21.5
63	42	Briefly Inv	42		..	..	..	..
170	139	Br Airways (aa)	153	156	●-1	9.5	6.1	8.9
295	275	Br Bldg & Eng App	270	320	..	4.0	1.4	15.9
170	108	Br Sypson	158	162	..	6.2b	3.9	14.8
247	198	Br Vita	205	208	-2	7.2	3.5	12.4
407	254	Broken Hill	319	323	+3	..	..	..

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
297	256	EIS	285	292	● ..	11.5	4.0	13.6
318	265½	Eastern Prod	270	275	● ..	13.3	4.9	7.4
20¼	10¼	Eagle Trust	9¾	10½	●-½	0.6	5.9	11.0
305	170	Edbro	295	305	..	12.7	4.2	12.3
58	45	Elbief	50	55	..	2.3	4.3	23.2
231	143	Eleco	220	225	●+2	8.3	3.7	18.4
22⅞	17⅞	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	102⅞		..	..	..	..
97	76	Elliott (B)	89	92	●-4	4.5	4.9	15.3
28½	14⅞	Elswick	14¼	15	-¼	0.6	4.1	10.5
13⅞	10⅞	Embart	12⅞		● ..	..	..	..
531½	370	Eng China Clay (aa)	446	449	-6	21.7b	4.8	12.8
31⅞	14⅞	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	30⅞		-¼	..	..	..
240	182	Erskine Hse	185	193	-12	7.3	3.9	10.5
108	86	Eurocopy	92	96	-1	1.8	1.7	16.2
470	232	Eurotunnel Units	415	420	-2	..	..	..
34⅞	13	Eurotunnel Warrants	28	28½	-¼	..	..	..
128	88	Evered	104	106	..	4.7	4.5	8.2
212	165	Expamet	168	175	-3	10.5	6.1	11.0
45	26	Feedex Agric Ind	26	28	●-1	2.0	7.1	7.8
184	151	Fenner (JH)	179	180	●+½	10.0	5.6	10.2
88	55	Fife Indmar	65	70	..	4.7	6.9	32.5
279	227	Fisons (aa)	234	236	●-2	5.8	2.5	13.8
146	68	Fitzwilton	112	117	●-3	..	..	..
146	100	Flexello C&W	125	130	..	6.1	4.8	8.5
125	40	Fobel	46	51	● ..	2.2	4.5	4.2
56	38	Folkes Group N/V	44	46	-2	2.1	4.7	8.1
100	58	French (Thomas)	78	83	-2	3.9	4.8	22.2
144	112	GEI Int	113	115	●-3	8.1	7.1	13.2
344	260	GKN (aa)	299	301	-9½	20.3	6.8	8.9
780	630	GR	700	740	●-3	13.3	1.8	..
186	128	Garton Eng	173	177	-2	7.0	4.0	12.6
227	167	Gestetner	193	200	-3	3.3	1.7	9.7
235	182	Glaxo (?)	185	195	●-3	5.7	3.0	17.2
11⅞	887	Glaxo (aa)	10¼	10½	●-3	33.3	3.2	13.5
323	242	Glynwed (aa)	249	252	●-7	11.5	4.6	10.8
285	267	Gordon Russell	257	274	..	8.5	3.1	15.0
290	235	Goring Kerr	235	255	+10	20.0b	8.2	9.4
285	218	Grampian Hldgs	272	275	..	5.9	2.2	34.3
341	283	Granada (aa)	316	320	-4	13.7	4.3	12.5
88	42	Halmi Precision	40	44	-1	3.1	7.4	11.0
203	88	Haden MacLellan	172	175	-2	4.4	2.5	46.3
448	250	Hall Eng	400	410	..	17.2	4.2	12.5
179	127	Hall (M)	153	156	..	7.2	4.6	16.2
208	142	Halma	180	184	-2	2.2	1.2	19.2
83	53	Hampson Ind	72	77	..	2.2	2.9	10.8
139	45	Hanimex	137		..	..	..	..
158	123½	Hanson (aa)	155	156	-1½	6.4	4.1	10.2
140	95	Harris (Philip)	112	120	-2	7.3	6.3	12.1
335	273	Havelock Europa	288	298	..	11.5	3.9	14.8
570	440	Hawker Siddly (aa)	520	523	●-13	29.2	5.6	11.2
135	78	Hay (Norman)	103	113	r ..	2.4	2.2	19.9
258	211	Hepworth	211	213	-4	13.9	6.6	10.4
331	249	Hestair	282	285	●-3	8.5	3.2	11.7
180	138	Hewitt (J)	135	140	-2	6.7	4.9	10.4
275	170	Highgate & Job	175	195	-5	..	..	..
388	288	High-Point	308	322	● ..	7.7	2.4	12.0
144	84	Holmes Protection	114	118	●-4	..	..	..
137	88	Hopkinsons	90	93	●-3	4.4	4.8	23.9
136	76	Howden	128	130	r -4	5.1	4.0	17.1
395	296	Hunting Assoc	355	365	●-6	12.0	3.3	8.0
191	132	Hunting Group	167	172	● ..	8.3	4.9	9.3
73	48	Hutchison Whampoa	58	61	..	..	..	..
213	175½	IMI (aa)	175	177	-3	9.9	5.6	10.1
139	96	ISA Intl	135	141	..	1.0	0.7	28.2
180	112	Isotron	170	175	..	2.9	1.7	15.9
518	208	JS Pathology	200	215	● ..	7.3	3.5	10.5
122	73	Jacksons Bourne	75	80	-2	2.7	3.5	20.1
105	71	Jardine Math	89	102	..	..	..	..
513	383	Johnson Cleaners	483	498	-2	26.0	5.3	13.3
393	242	Johnson Matthey	383	386	-4	9.3	2.5	13.2
45	36	Johnston & FB	39½	40½	-½	2.7	6.8	10.5
450	345	Johnston	330	360	● ..	13.3	3.9	8.0
148	96	Jones & Shipman	105	110	-3	5.5	5.1	58.7
133	102	Jourdan (Thomas)	101	105	-2	6.7	6.5	10.2
55	40	Kalamazoo	40	42	●-2	2.7	6.6	10.5
40⅞	31⅞	Kalon	34	35½	..	0.4	1.1	..
455	298	Keep Trust	290	305	-10	13.0	4.4	7.7
455	357	Kelsey Ind	350	370	..	17.6	4.9	8.3
545	275	Kershaw (A)	527	537	..	26.3	4.9	28.7
700	405	Klean-EZe	395	415	-5	11.3	2.8	84.2

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
158	126	Lap	140	145	●-1	5.5	3.8	28.7
275	204	Lard	215	219	-9	10.8	5.0	9.2
82	50	Lawtex	62	66	+2	1.3	2.0	..
170	76	Lee (Arthur)	144	149	-5	4.6	3.1	16.1
186	109	Lilleshall	173	178	..	3.3b	1.9	22.7
141	118	Linread	134	139	..	5.3	3.9	16.5
35	26	Locker (T)	24	27	●-1	1.9	7.3	10.0
295	183½	Lon Intl	203	205	-2	8.8	4.3	12.3
269	179	Low & Bonar	193	197	-4	8.5	4.4	13.9
269	172	MB Group (aa)	241	244	●-1	10.8t	4.4	11.0
132	100	ML Hldgs	98	101	-5	3.1b	3.1	10.4
133	63	MS Intl	115	117	-2	4.6a	4.0	10.8
101	61	MY Holdings	95	99	●-1	2.0	2.1	19.6
341	206	Macarthy	232	236	..	15.3	6.5	9.7
199	155	Macfarlane	190	195	..	5.1	2.8	17.8
360	281	McKechnie	279	282	●-3	17.7	6.3	9.6
148	101	McLeod Russel	111	115	●-3	6.0	5.3	11.7
147	115	Magnolia	130	140	..	6.1	4.5	11.1
21	700	Manchester Ship	18½	20½	..	..	..	34.5
289	184	Manganese Bronze	249	254	-3	8.0	3.2	11.2
180	115	Marling	177	181	-1	4.7	2.6	12.8
95	65	Mayborn	66	70	+1	4.8	7.1	8.4
118	85	Meggitt	88½	90	-½	3.2	3.6	10.6
220	159	Metal Closures	190	195	-2	10.1	5.2	25.0
93	67	Metalrax	77	82	-3	3.8	4.8	11.5
41	41	Michael Page	40	43	..	0.7	1.7	..
36	18	Mining & Alld	18	19½	r ..	..	..	..
251	212	Molins	218	221	..	12.8	5.8	9.8
250	162	Monotype	193	203	..	7.1	3.6	9.3
269	215	Morgan Crucible	217	222	●-2	13.7	6.2	10.0
157	95	NMC Group	117	125	●-2	3.5	2.9	12.1
165	98	Nash Ind	100	110	-7	3.6	3.4	12.1
62	38	Neepsend	45	48	-1	1.3	2.8	10.9
243	172	Neill (J)	192	199	-6	10.8	5.5	7.2
109	76	Nestor-BNA	89	93	+1	2.5	2.7	18.3
106	65	Noble & Lund	84	87	-1	2.7	3.1	8.9
283	178	Nobo Gp	210	220	-3	7.0	3.3	12.8
431	302	Norcros	300	304	-5	20.5	6.8	9.1
379	255	Nu-Swift	376	381	..	18.7	4.9	13.3
192	105	Office Elect Mach	113	123	..	..	..	..
142	105	Optical & Med	130	140	..	6.1	4.5	13.4
393	269	Pendlefeld	267	271	-10	9.3	3.5	15.7
142	70	Pentland Ind	69	72	+1	1.3	1.8	5.3
127	67	Pergamon	65	66	-7½	6.0	9.9	8.3
455	305	Photo-Me	400	430	● ..	4.0	1.0	21.3
251	191½	Pilkington (aa)	194	195	-13	11.2	5.8	7.2
300	225	Portals	230	237	●-10	12.5	5.3	10.5
93	61	Porter Chadburn	84	86	-1	1.9	2.2	20.1
431	320	Powell Duffryn	370	375	●-5	25.7	6.9	13.2
132	82	Powerscreen	81	84	●-2	4.9	5.9	7.3
150	114	Prestwich Hldgs	115	120	●-5	1.7	1.4	12.7
285	215	Prodfoot Alexander	252	256	-3	5.3	2.1	19.9
198	148	Radiant Metal	185	210	+5	4.0	2.0	15.4
749	552	Rank Org (aa)	673	678	-13	30.7	4.5	13.9
376	250	Ransome Sims	373	378	+1	11.6	3.1	17.5
182	75	Ratcliffs (Gt Bridge)	147	157	..	1.7	1.1	68.5
325	198	Recham	313	317	●-2	6.0	1.9	28.0
969	770	Reckitt Colman (aa)	900	905	●-5	30.7	3.4	13.4
548	448	Redfearn	537	545	..	18.7	3.5	11.1
227	100	Reed Executive	98	108	-17	2.7	2.6	8.2
255	168	Relyon	213	220	..	7.1	3.3	13.1
233	142	Renishaw	178	180	s -2	3.5	2.0	12.1
77½	51	Renold	71½	72½	●-1½	2.4	3.3	22.2
573	439	Reuters (aa)	454	457	-9	10.4	2.2	17.9
82	38	Rexmore	57	60	..	2.6	4.4	8.5
138	108	Ricardo Eng	118	123	..	4.3	3.6	29.2
300	98	Richard (Leics)	112	122	-1	..	..	..
75	46	Richardson Westg	52	55	..	2.4	4.4	..
155	83	Robertson	88	93	..	4.7	5.2	11.1
475	370	Robinson (Thomas)	383	386	-4	13.3b	3.5	8.5
77	55	Rockware	63	65	r -1	2.8	4.4	9.8
142	105	Ropner	117	121	● ..	9.3	7.8	29.4
142	102	Do 'A'	114	117	..	9.3	8.0	28.8
204	138	Rotork	138	141	..	9.5	6.8	11.4
80	55	Russell (A)	72	77	..	2.6	3.5	23.4

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
68	25	SI	27	30	..	..	..	..
34⅞	21⅞	SKF 'B'	34⅞		+½	..	..	..
234	190	Sale Tilney	193	198	..	14.0	7.1	18.0
58	38	Saville Gordon (J)	39	42	+1	2.0	4.9	11.5
270	208	Scapa	250	253	-6	10.2	4.0	10.3
203	150	Scot Heritable	163	167	-1	7.3b	4.4	14.0
270	142	Scott & Robertson	263	273	-2	5.6	2.1	18.1
440	265	Securicor	395	405	-2	1.6	0.4	56.4
435	210	Do 'A'	353	363	-2	1.6	0.4	50.5
222	163	Securiguard	195	202	r -3	7.3	3.7	15.4
400	205	Security Serv	368	378	-2	3.1	0.8	38.9
65	47	Senior Eng	50½	52½	-3½	3.1	6.0	11.0
148	75	Shiloh	73	77	●-1	4.8	6.4	4.7
153	102	Sidlaw	144	148	..	9.3	6.4	8.4
396	300	Siebe (aa)	355	359	-5	12.8	3.5	8.2
165	113	Silentnight	132	137	●-1	7.7	5.7	12.3
319	230	Simon Eng	282	286	●-7	16.4	5.8	12.0
124	101	Six Hundred	109	112	●-3	7.9	7.1	9.8
438	343	Sketchley	404	414	●-1	26.0	6.4	15.3
151	108½	Smith & Neph (aa)	111½	112½	●-2½	4.7	4.2	14.5
277	220	Smiths Ind (aa)	243	246	●-8	10.0	4.1	11.7
259	210	Spear (JW)	252	262	..	8.0	3.1	38.2
208	168	Spirax-Sarco	189	192	-1	9.2	4.8	11.7
21½	9⅞	Spong Hldgs	10	11	..	0.5	4.8	8.5
221	157	Spring Ram	160	167	●+6	0.8	0.5	14.0
155	136	Stag Furniture	138	143	..	9.0	6.4	12.7
150	110	Star Comp	138	146	●-2	2.0	1.4	17.6
192	140	Staveley	163	167	●-3	7.9	4.8	11.2
170	145	Sterling Ind	155	165	..	4.5	2.8	31.3
71	32	Stonehill	59	64	-1	..	..	..
15½	10⅞	Stormgard	10½	11½	-½	..	e	..
81	42	Summer Int	40	44	..	..	..	..
249	169	Suter	206	211	-2	7.3	3.5	17.0
147	112	Swire Pacific 'A'	129	133	..	..	..	..
46	27	Sycamore	25	30	-3	..	..	..
330	280	Syltone	300	320	..	15.3	4.9	11.9
194	160	T & N (aa)	162	164	-1	11.8	7.2	7.7
383	288	TI	347	350	-7	15.0	4.3	12.4
195	139	TNT	177	181	s -1	..	..	..
319	168	Tace	160	175	..	14.7b	8.8	6.9
132⅞	99⅞	Takeda Chem	112⅞		●-¼	..	..	..
33	18½	Talbex	18	19½	..	..	..	22.4
191	135	Tellec	165	170	..	8.0	4.8	54.0
198	108	Tex Hldgs	156	166	..	9.3	5.8	11.2
350	268	Third Mile	273	285	..	4.5	1.6	22.3
108	51	Thomson T-Line	49	53	-1	2.1	4.1	10.7
259	199	Tomkins	197	200	-7	6.0	3.0	9.0
347½	289	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	291	292	-8½	21.3	7.3	8.0
225	180	Transcontinental	180	190	● ..	12.8	6.9	15.1
250	205	Transport Dev	219	223	-2	12.3	5.6	12.0
128	91	Trelus	111	116	-1	6.0	5.3	21.8
204	148	Triplex Lloyd	168	175	-1	6.7	3.9	10.7
415	310	Unidare	350	390	..	..	..	..
173	42	Unigroup	49	53	-1	..	..	..
515	433	Unilever (aa)	441	445	●-2	16.6	3.7	10.9
46	27⅞	Unilever (NV)	31⅞		●-½	..	..	..
28	15	Utd Guarantee	16½	18	-1½	..	e	..

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
348	226	Abbey Life (aa)	284	286	-1	18.0b	6.3	..
16	550	Alex & Alex	101⅞		..	..	..	..
568⅞	350	Allianz Vers	553⅞		+1⅞	..	..	..
20⅞	14⅞	Am Gen	16⅞		..	..	..	..
166	124	Archer (AJ)	135	140	+2	5.3	3.8	10.2
245	167	Brentnock	185	190	..	6.8	3.6	10.8
392	314	Britannic	325	330	..	19.7	6.0	..
407½	296	Com Union (aa)	323	325	-2	22.7	7.0	12.3
225	148	FAI	140	155	..	..	..	..
954	784	Gen Accident (aa)	829	831	●-4	50.7	6.1	..
199	165	GRE (aa)	176	178	●-1	11.6	6.6	..
456	364	Heath C E	415	420	● ..	34.5	8.3	14.1
156	115	Hogg Robinson	130	140	..	..	..	..
183	134	Hogg Rob & GM	153	155	-3	3.3	2.1	..
343	252	Legal & Gen (aa)	289	291	-4	16.3	5.6	..
215	147	Lloyd Thompson	195	202	-3	6.7	3.4	15.1
329	238	London & Man	245	249	-3	12.3	5.0	..
210	112	Lon Utd Inv	113	120	+2	10.7	9.1	13.3
35	25⅞	Marsh & McLen	32⅞		+⅞	..	..	..
225	130	PWS	143	147	..	14.0	9.7	6.1
547	391	Pearl (aa)	390	392	-7	18.0	4.6	..
179	142½	Prudential (aa)	145	148	-2	9.6	6.5	..
495	386	Refuge	445	450	-2	25.0	5.6	23.9
438	356	Royal (aa)	372	375	-2	27.3	7.3	..
245	189	Sedgwick (aa)	214	217	-3	16.0	7.4	14.0
250	152	Steel Burrill	215	218	..	13.3	6.1	13.0
354	219	Sturge Hldgs	217	225	+1	10.2	4.6	14.1
10⅞	785	Sun Alliance (aa)	824	827	-5	48.0	5.2	..
12½	893	Sun Life	880	895	-10	46.4	5.2	..
568	355	Trade Indemnity	557	572	..	8.1	1.4	25.9
276	202	Willis Faber (aa)	216	219	-3	15.3	7.0	11.4
75	46	Windsor	47	52	..	..	e	..

LEISURE

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	150	Anglia TV 'A'	192	197	..	8.5	4.4	10.8
340	175	Barr & WA 'A'	277	287	-6	15.3	5.4	14.5
245	170	Boosey & Hawkes	233	243	● ..	8.0	3.4	18.6
431	288	Brent Walker	309	311	●-5	12.0	3.9	10.3
326	202	Campari	228	232	+3	9.3	4.0	6.5
493	161	Capital Radio	468	472	●-3	13.3	2.8	12.6
275	165	Castle Comm	263	273	r +1	9.6	3.6	14.5
603	447	Central TV	575	583	-3	30.7	5.3	10.6
148	100	Chrysalis	101	104	-4	9.3	9.0	9.8
74	64	Euro Leisure	70	71½	●-3	..	..	..
161	120	First Leisure	150	152	-3	3.3	2.2	20.1
53	43	Grampian	41	44	●-2	3.6	8.4	6.6
281	70	HTV Group	88	92	s -2	5.2	5.8	19.0
190	150	Horizon Travel Brooks	160	180	..	..	..	45.3
79	49	Julianas Hldgs	67	70	●+1	2.9	4.2	14.5
194	122	LWT Hldgs	153	158	● ..	7.6	4.9	10.0
448	183	LandLeis	363	366	-1	10.7	2.9	9.7
118	68	Leisure Inv	86	89	-1	2.3	2.6	19.0
110	77	Leisuretime Intl	80	85	..	..	..	..
218	156	Mecca Leisure	158	160	-1	4.8	3.0	13.0
127	79	Medminster	107	112	● ..	4.9	4.5	11.6
183	135	Midsummer	166	169	+1	2.4	1.4	28.1
89	62	Owners Abroad	85	87	+2	2.4	2.8	37.9
282	147	Pleasurama	235	239	-1	8.3	3.5	15.1
280	127	Quadrant Group	215	223	r -2	4.3	2.0	19.7
610	486½	Really Useful	512	522	..	20.0	3.9	15.2
240	169	Saga Go	232	236	..	6.7	2.9	41.8
434	342	Scot TV	365	375	+1	23.0	6.2	7.1
292	197	Stanley Leisure	226	238	-4	4.8	2.1	16.8
352	268	TVS	298	302	..	17.3	5.8	8.0
74	61	TSW	65	68	-½	4.2	6.4	7.5
417	302	Thames TV	357	363	●-3	18.1	5.0	9.7
130	95	Tottenham Hotspur	110	115	●-2	6.7	5.9	14.1
179	120	TV-AM	141	145	..	6.7	4.7	9.5
372	254	Tyne Tees TV	348	353	..	20.0	5.7	9.0
92	84	Ulster TV	85	90	● ..	6.3	7.2	6.7
137½	83	Virgin	137	138	+½	3.5	2.5	15.1
155	77	Wembley	118	121	..	2.1	1.8	..
58	47	Wooddington	45	48	r -2	..	..	..
246	168	Yorkshire TV	210	213	..	10.7	5.0	8.4
153	90	Zetters Gp	128	133	..	8.0	6.1	11.8

MINING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
49⅞	36	Am Gold	37⅞	38⅞	-⅞	..	b	..
7½	5⅞	Ang Amer Coal	6⅞	6⅞	● ..	..	..	..
10⅞	745	Ang Am	908	958	-18	..	..	..
308	189	Blyvoors	208	229	-3	..	..	..
82	32	Bracken	36	45	-2	..	..	..
10⅞	685	Buffels	709	759	-14	..	..	..
145	40	Butte	43	48	+1	..	..	..
458	257	CRA	353	358	+3	..	..	..
14	873	Cons Goldfields (aa)	12	12	..	42.7	3.5	26.0
714	562	De Beers	594	614	-3	..	..	..
207	108	Deelkraal	123	143	..	..	..	..
1⅞	87	Doornfontein	54	104	-3	..	..	..
6⅞	454	Driefontein	481	511	-5	..	..	..
100	65	DRX	70		-2	..	..	..
3⅞	185	Durban	160	210	..	..	..	..
340	185	E Daggs	226	246	..	..	..	..
338	182	Elandsrand	246	266	..	..	..	..
119	62	Elsburg	54	74	..	..	..	..
294	183	E Rand Gold	182	202	..	..	..	..
3⅞	243	E Rand Prop	243	283	+1	..	..	..
5	387	FS Cons	400	430	-6	..	..	..
294	110	FS Dev	120	135	..	..	..	..
10⅞	693	GFSA	849	889	-1	..	..	..
130	65	Geevor Tin	67	72	r -4	..	..	..
9⅞	744	Gen Mining	840	890	+2	..	..	..
88	60	GM Kalgoorli	57	62	..	..	..	..
253	83	Greenwich Res	93	98	-2	..	..	32.2
112	52	Grootvlei	54	84	+1	..	..	..
4⅞	332	Harmony	341	361	-6	..	..	..
421	288	Hartes	347	367	+1	..	..	..
6⅞	493	Kinross	533	563	+5	..	..	..
6⅞	450	Kloof	473	493	s -9	..	..	..
74	35	Leslie	29	49	-1	..	..	..
1⅞	77	Libanon	106	126	s +6	..	..	..
213	109	Loraine	94	124	-5	..	..	..
106	79	MIM	81	84	..	..	..	..
611	610	Minorco	630	660	+25	..	..	..
163	89	Nth Broken Hill	118	122	-2	..	..	..
29	11	Nth Kalgurli	11½	12½	..	..	..	..
15⅞	10	Orange Free	10⅞	10⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
460	315	RTZ (aa)	422	425	● ..	16.7	3.9	11.9
77½	8⅞	Rand Mines Ltd	11½	12½	● ..	..	..	..
375	238	Rand Mines Prop	275	300	● ..	..	..	..
48⅞	32⅞	Randfontein	38⅞	41½	+⅞	..	..	..
485	235	Renison	306		-1	..	..	..
7⅞	3⅞	Rustenburg	7	7⅞	..	26.0	3.6	53.7
5⅞	386	St Helena	408	438	-8	..	..	..
22½	13⅞	Southvaal	17⅞	17⅞	+⅞	..	..	..
271	158	Stilfontein	172	192	-5	..	..	..
338	148	Unisel	186	206	+1	..	..	..
52⅞	33⅞	Vaal Reefs	38⅞	39⅞	..	..	..	..
162	90	Venterspost	70	120	+3	..	..	..
416	252	Welkom	268	288	-3	..	..	..
186	90	Western Areas	90	110	+1	..	..	..
22⅞	14⅞	Western Deep	15⅞	16⅞	-⅞	..	..	..
315	160	Western Mining	221	225	-1	..	..	..
141	77	Witan Creek	74	79	..	..	..	..
10	675	Winkels	760	810	+3	..	..	..
28	9½	Zambia Copper	18	20	..	..	..	..
104	51	Zandpan	63		..	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	315	Appleyard	405	410	-19	18.7	4.6	10.3
171	116	Armstrong	156	160	-3	4.7	3.0	14.3
600	600	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
621	323	Br Aerospace (aa)	441	444	-7	25.6	5.8	..
578	410	Caffyns	483	493	-2	13.3	2.7	12.0
157	102½	Cowie (T)	122	125	-5	4.3	3.5	10.1
140	111	Dag Motors	118	123	-4	4.8	4.0	9.6
241	165	Dowty	213	216	-11	9.3	4.3	11.2
496	195	ERF	453	468	+6	12.0	2.6	7.0
289	205	FR Group	209	212	●-4	6.6	3.1	10.9
158	118	Ford Motor	142		● ..	..	..	..
239	164	General Motor	233		●-2	..	..	..
140	97	Hartwell Plc	124	127	● ..	3.9	3.1	15.5
10⅞	720	Honda Motor	840		●-14	..	..	..
96	50	Jacks (Wm)	87	91	..	2.4	2.7	17.9
350	238	Jaguar (aa)	262	264	-7	14.0	5.3	7.8
208	145	Jessups	150	160	● ..	8.3	5.4	7.6
133	100	Kwik-Fit	106	108	-2	2.8	2.6	14.7
148	95	Lancaster	115	122	-3	4.5	3.8	9.2
420	277	Lex	305	307	-10	16.8	5.5	9.3
192	120	Lookers	136	138	-4	6.0	4.5	7.3
645	507	Lucas (aa)	522	525	●-7	28.0	5.3	6.3
247	188	Perry go	200	203	-1	10.7	5.3	9.9
208	130	Plaxton	200	208	..	4.8	2.3	33.3
162	70	Quicks Group	118	125	-2	6.2	5.1	6.3
147½	108	Rolls-Royce (aa)	126½	127½	-2	7.5	5.9	6.8
50½	28	Trinoco	47	48	-1	1.6	3.4	13.4
617	347	Western Motor	558	563	●-7	6.7	1.2	9.6
111	75	Westland	107	109	-1	4.7	4.4	5.9

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	65	Accord	65	75	+5	4.5	6.4	7.0
160	65	Adscene	142	147	..	5.7	3.9	16.1
790	438	Assoc Newspaper	755	765	..	10.0	1.3	25.5
310	240	Barbour Index	235	245	-5	7.3	3.0	14.3
405	385	Black (A&C)	390	400	..	16.3	4.1	12.8
273	210	Bristol	265	275	..	12.0	4.4	18.2
93	27½	Chartsearch	53	56	-2	0.6	1.1	21.2
836	525	Collins (Wm)	780	790	-4	16.3	2.1	19.5
661	426	Collins (Wm) 'A'	600	605	-7	16.3	2.7	15.0
234	176	EMAP	207	209	●-4	6.0	2.9	17.4
538	338	Haynes Publishing	515	540	..	22.7	4.3	16.6
415	250	Home Counties	398	408	-2	11.7	2.9	11.9
133	99	Intl Bus Comms	103	108	-2	5.1	4.9	9.5
520	323	Independent	467	487	..	..	..	..
730	485	Intl Thomson	680	700	● ..	..	..	..
270	180	Maxwell Comm (aa)	183	186	●-1	18.7	10.1	9.9
295	189	News International	213	218	-1	5.4	2.5	..
796	639	Pearson (aa)	635	643	-5	22.0	3.4	14.1
276	230	Portsmouth Sund	248	253	● ..	7.4	2.9	11.7
471	354	Reed Int (aa)	352	355	●-8	14.0	4.0	11.6
183	127	Trinity Intl	175	185	..	7.2	4.0	14.8
455	379	Utd Newspapers (aa)	383	388	-6	26.0	8.7	10.8

OILS, GAS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
84	46½	Asso Energy	56	58	-½	..	..	58.2
11	4½	Atlantic Resources	5	6	-¼	..	..	..
36	25	Aus Oil & Gas	26		-1	..	..	..
18	6	Avon Pet	7¼	8¼	+¼	..	..	..
5½	2¼	BOM Hldgs	2	2¼	+¼	..	..	..
498	442	Br Borneo	450	470	●-2	32.0	7.0	14.2
193	154½	British Gas (aa)	157	158	-1	11.0	7.0	8.0
288	227	Br Petroleum (aa)	243	245	-1½	17.3	7.1	9.7
153	128½	Br Petroleum p/p	142	144	-1½	17.3	12.1	5.7
582	430	Burmah (aa)	474	478	●+1	23.3	4.9	11.7
409	240	Calor Go	380	384	-3	22.0	5.8	12.3
131	79	Carless	106	108	-2	3.7	3.5	76.4
76	19	Caspen Oil	18	21	+1	..	..	..
155	140	Century	137	142	● ..	8.0	5.7	12.2
136½	86	Clyde Pet	87	89	-½	1.3	1.5	46.4
703	257	Enterprise (aa)	478	481	-4	13.3	2.8	28.3
154	68	Exp.Comp.Lmestarte	136	138	-1	..	..	..
128	76	Goal Pet	89	91	r -1½	1.3	1.4	36.3
133	101	Gt Western Res	98	100	..	5.0	5.0	..
17⅞	11⅞	Hamilton	14⅞		..	..	..	..
200	160	Hunting P S	165	175	● ..	12.0	7.1	10.9
25	14	KCA Drilling	13	15	..	..	..	3.7
75	28	Kelt Energy	27	29	-2½	..	..	..
591	271	LASMO (aa)	440	442	-5	10.3	2.3	39.4
105	135	Do Units	135	145	+5	31.9	22.8	..
34	18	Mannex	18	19½	..	..	..	..
27	14½	New London Oil	13½	15½	..	..	..	..
67	31	Oil Scottish	33	36	-1	..	..	..
69	47	Petrocon	47	54	+1	..	..	..
2½	1½	Petrox	1	1½	..	..	..	..
66	46	Premier	52	53	-½	..	..	18.4
373	221	Ranger	275	280	..	..	..	..
67⅞	59⅞	Royal Dutch	61⅞		-⅞	..	..	..
11	949	Shell (aa)	989	993	-3	64.0	6.5	10.8
340	163	Sovereign	323	328	●-2	13.3	4.1	10.5
175	91	Sovereign	148	150	-2	..	..	39.5
17	11	TR Energy	10½	12	-½	..	..	..
6	1	Target	4	6	-1	..	..	..
200	119	Triton Europe	132	135	-1	..	..	31.0
368	159	Ultramar (aa)	271	273	+8	8.9	3.3	26.9
92	44	Woodside	84	88	-3	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
318	205	Antofagasta	273	275	-2	16.0	5.9	8.0
54	33	Boustead	43	45	-1	0.9	2.0	20.1
153	117	Gharleton	126	133	●+1	10.3b	7.9	10.2
133	76	Finlay (James)	109	113	●-3	5.5	5.0	..
694	548	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	645	650	●-7	38.7b	6.0	18.1
238	155	Inchcape (aa)	197	199	●-4½	9.8	4.9	11.6
4?7	163	Lonrho (aa)	349	351	-6	15.8	4.5	18.3
71	45	Ocean Wilson	43	48	..	3.3	7.2	8.6
355	300	Paterson Zoch	297	302	-3	10.4	3.5	14.3
355	300	Do 'A'	297	302	-3	10.4	3.5	14.3
318	231	Polly Peck (aa)	268	272	r -1	15.3b	6.0	6.7
89	52	Sime Darby	77	82	..	..	..	..
108	72	Tozer Kemsley	99	100½	-½	3.3	3.3	10.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
266	202	Abbott Mead	237	242	-3	6.3	2.6	13.3
44	30½	Addison Cons	29½	31	-1½	1.9	6.2	7.0
271	238	Assoc Paper	250	255	-2	11.0	4.3	11.2
430	275	BPP	360	400	..	9.9	2.6	22.7
161	105	Barker (Charles)	105	107	..	4.4	4.2	11.4
238	181	Bemrose	210	215	-1	14.0b	6.6	12.9
301	202	Boase Massimi	200	201	-25	9.6b	4.8	10.3
244	145	Brunning	143	154	-5	5.0	3.4	11.2
191	121	Bunzl (aa)	133	136	-2	7.1	5.3	12.1
770	545	Carlton Comm	624	630	-3	8.1	1.3	24.0
343	265	Chapman	310	335	..	13.3	4.1	12.4
238	173	Cropper (James)	210	220	-3	3.1	1.4	9.8
512	357	DRG	444	449	-4	15.1	3.4	16.6
118	65	Delyn Packaging	84	91	..	1.6	1.9	16.7
308	248	Ferguson Ind	245	250	●-2	13.6	5.6	11.1
289	199	FAB	279	288	-3	6.7	2.4	18.0
385	315	Filofax	315	325	-10	11.3	3.5	11.4
70	33	Geers Gross	45	50	-4	..	..	..
279	227	Gold Greenlees	253	260	..	7.2	2.8	11.8
243	153	Goodhead	189	193	-4	6.0	3.1	10.2
397	245	Harrisons	240	250	-5	10.7	4.4	11.1
143	131	Johnston Press	130	135	-5	1.3	1.0	14.4
307	228	KLP	233	233	-7	7.1	3.1	13.2
98	53	Kelston	52	54	-1	1.3	2.5	13.9
256	158	Lopex	165	175	+2	7.2	3.6	13.8
414	323	Lowe HS & B	320	325	-5	14.1	4.4	10.8
190	140	MTL Research	140	150	-5	5.3	3.7	11.2
292	174	More O'Ferrall	264	269	+1	10.4	3.9	13.5
176	121	Norton Opax	154	157	-3	5.3	3.4	13.0
16½	12½	Ogilvy & Mather	101⅞		..	..	..	..
190	128	Olive Hldgs	157	167	-6	..	..	..
117	85	Paragon Comms	92	97	-1	2.2	2.8	10.8
237	185	St Ives Gp	187	192	..	4.0	2.1	11.0
451	314	Saatchi 10p (aa)	315	319	-1½	21.3	6.7	6.6
510	415	Shandwick	428	438	-7	10.0	2.3	10.4
385	307	Smith David	317	319	-1	9.3	2.9	10.2
493	305	Smurfit (Jeff)	375	385	●-1	..	..	..
190	135	UK Paper	167	171	-3	5.3	3.1	9.8
459	332	Usher Walker	415	425	● ..	12.3	2.9	15.0
286	134	VPI Gp	137	139	..	4.2	3.4	7.5
271	189	WCRS	187	190	-6	5.3	2.8	10.1
633	403	WPP	546	553	●-6	13.7	2.5	19.9
315	172	Wace	257	260	-1	4.3	1.7	21.2
214	177	Waddington (J)	178	182	● ..	9.2	5.1	12.1
425	304	Watmough	395	405	-5	9.6	2.4	21.1
96	64	Waverley Cam	72	77	-1	0.3	0.4	..
193	138	Yellowhammer	155	160	-2	3.7	2.3	11.7

PROPERTY

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
137	89	Allied Lon	133	135	●-1	3.7	2.8	12.8
209	133	Arlington Secs	154	156	-2	6.1	3.9	11.2
195	108	Asda	156	161	-2	8.0	5.0	45.4
132	83	BHH Group	95	97	-2	1.7	1.8	17.7
280	188	Baker Harris	183	193	-5	9.3	4.9	9.3
506	333	Bilton (P)	475	482	-3	19.0	4.0	26.5
720	585	Bradford	630	650	● ..	18.0	2.8	14.7
224	168	Bredero	220	227	..	6.7	3.0	15.1
394	247	Br Land (aa)	334	338	-2	5.6	1.7	18.9
371	218	Brixton	344	348	-7	11.1	3.2	30.8
315	121	Card Go	289	298	-5	5.3	1.8	21.7
423	318	Cap & Counties	343	353	+3	12.3	3.5	21.2
325	225	Cardiff Prop	400	450	..	2.6	0.6	..
843	553	Chesterfield	785	805	●-5	20.0	2.5	27.5
185	145	Christie	178	183	●-5	3.7	2.0	18.7
225	170	Citygrove	202	212	+2	6.7	3.2	10.8
183	85	Clarke Nickolls	165	170	..	5.0t	3.0	17.8
280	203	Clayform	237	240	●-4	11.7	4.3	8.9
380	208	Conwells	202	210	-3	11.3	5.5	7.8
60	43	Control Secs	49	50	●-½	1.0	2.0	10.9
360	288	Cussins	280	300	..	10.1	3.5	61.2
12	725	Daejan	10½	11	..	25.3	2.4	12.1
37½	25½	Dares Estates	25	26	-1	0.9	3.5	18.0
190	118	Debenham Tewson	135	140	-1	6.7	4.9	10.9
131	72	De Morgan	87	92	●-3	4.1	4.6	14.4
222	133	Dencora	188	198	..	4.0	2.1	12.0
640	518	Derwent Hldgs	625	645	..	7.8	1.2	31.8
74	67½	Dukeminster	67	69	-1	1.5	2.2	..
241	143	Egerton Trust	197	202	+2	7.3	3.7	13.8
300	160	Estates & Agency	290	310	..	4.0	1.3	46.7
208	128	Estates Gen	182	187	-1	4.1	2.2	60.7
195	126	Evans Of Leeds	174	178	-2	7.5	4.3	14.2
78	51	Five Oaks	52	56	-1	1.7t	3.1	8.0
225	155	Fletcher King	174	184	-1	9.7	5.4	10.9
444	275	Frogmore	426	430	-5	13.3	3.1	8.9
525	325	Grainger	440	455	-2	5.8	1.3	22.0
394	265	Gt Portland	360	362	●-5	11.1	3.1	33.6
448	298	Greycoat	404	407	-7	4.8	1.2	35.6
10½	8⅞	Halliwood Gp	1 83		..	..	..	..
116	53	Hambro Countrywd	53	55	-1	3.8	7.0	7.8
940	592½	Hammerson	925	932	..	15.3	1.6	40.0
903	494	Do 'A' (aa)	885	890	-5	15.3	1.7	38.2
235	141½	Hanover Drace	140	155	●-5	6.0	4.1	13.7
750	575	Haslemere	650	690	-10	30.0	4.5	10.1
370	188	Helical Bar	256	260	-7	5.1	2.0	11.8
160	142	Herong Son	147	152	..	2.0	1.3	18.3
64	50	Hong Kong Land	59	62	..	..	..	..
456	340	Imry Merch	435	438	-13	11.3	2.6	28.4
320	125	Jermyn	320		..	..	..	..
186	68	Kentish Prop	67	72	-5	5.0	7.1	4.9
553	316	Laing Prop	475	482	-11	12.7	2.7	18.1
610	450	Land Sec (aa)	556	560	●-8	17.3	3.1	29.5
555	390	Local Lon	435	445	●+5	11.3	2.6	13.6
160	109	Lon & Edn Tst	116	117	●-2	3.7	3.2	10.8
122	96	Do 6% Cv	99	101	● ..	8.0	8.0	..
204	137	Lon & Metro	162	167	-2	6.9	4.2	10.4
55	34	Lon Securities	44	46	..	0.7	1.6	5.9
318	193	Lon Shop	315	320	+12	9.5	3.0	23.0
600	434	MEPC (aa)	536	540	-7	19.3	3.6	24.5
203	183	McInerney	150	175	● ..	..	..	..
205	150	McKay Secs	200	210	..	6.4	3.1	25.5
85	60	Markheath	61	64	-2	4.7	7.5	11.2
92	47	Marler	80	83	-1	0.8	1.0	24.0
498	285	Mervale Moore	480	495	..	9.3	1.9	10.7
130	90	Merlin Intl	110	114	-1	5.3	4.7	6.0
135	120	Moorfield Estates	117	122	..	4.2	3.5	12.8
191	128	Mountleigh	169	170	-3½	5.0	2.9	7.5
16	975	Mountview	14½	15⅞	..	12.7	0.8	10.7
189	133	Muckow (A&J)	183	188	●-4	9.9	5.3	17.5
120	83	New Cavendish	98	103	●-1	2.0	2.0	78.3
25	17⅞	Ossory Est	18½	19	-½	0.7	3.7	18.0
148	83	Parkdale	81	84	-1	3.2	3.9	..
148	96	Pennant Prop	115	122	+1	2.6	2.2	..
155	66	Power Corp	132	142	..	..	..	..
424	280	Prest Marans	398	407	●-7	4.4	1.1	8.9
201	130	Prop Security	175	178	-1	4.3b	2.4	33.1
24	11	Ragion	11	12½	r -½	0.2	1.7	..
217	104	Regalian	103	105	●-3	5.3	5.1	6.3
793	513	Rosehaugh	543	548	●-12	2.1	0.4	15.9
335	180	Rush & Tomkins	320	330	..	16.7	5.1	10.3
151	114	Scot Met	146	148	● ..	6.8	4.6	23.6
193	118	Shaftsbury	183	188	-5	1.3	0.7	7.2
91	52	Sheraton Secs	71	73	-2	4.3	6.0	11.7
145	65	Sheld	63	68	..	4.0	6.1	10.6
110	75	Sector Goldsmith	72	77	-1	4.0	5.3	9.0
335	233	Slough Estates (aa)	302	306	-4	10.4	3.4	20.1
189	142	Southend Prop	152	155	-1	0.5	0.3	31.2
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68½	48	Webb (Jos)	63	64	..	1.3	2.0	..
200	133	West & Country	184	194	-6	2.9	1.5	7.4

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
566	438	Assoc Br Ports	452	457	-6	11.3	2.5	13.8
393	320	Caledonia	353	360	..	10.7	3.0	40.8
185	135	Clarkson (H)	157	162	+2	7.3	4.6	15.8
151	71	Fisher (James)	138	143	..	5.1	3.6	21.6
795	140	Graig	150	160	..	5.3	3.4	51.0
88	69	Jacobs (JI)	77	80	..	5.6	7.1	..
483	283	Mersey Docks	462	467	..	..	..	26.9
300	231	Ocean Transport	248	255	-1	14.3	5.7	9.8
620	501	P & O Dfd (aa)	531	535	-3	31.3	5.9	12.5
152	113	P & O 5.5%	123	128	..	7.3	5.8	..
355	208	Runciman (Walter)	333	338	● ..	10.7	3.2	15.9
445	313	Tiphook	430	435	r -4	7.2	1.7	14.2
228	108	Turnbull Scott	222	232	-1	6.0	2.6	17.4

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
95	62	Headlam Sims	58	65	-2	1.3	2.1	18.9
270	108	Lambert Howarth	115	125	+2	11.3	9.4	4.4
309	145	Pittard Garnar	195	200	●-2	7.9	4.0	10.2
265	208	Strong & Fisher	218	223	-10	16.0	7.2	6.8
360	235	Stylo	250	270	+10	6.7	2.6	..

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1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
380	300	Allied Text	330	335	-2	12.8	3.8	15.9
285	228	Beale (John)	238	248	-4	8.4	3.5	9.3
118	96	Beckman (A)	97	102	● ..	7.6	7.6	11.7
71	34	Bolton	52	55	..	..	..	..
211	180	Br Mohair	196	199	-2	10.0	5.1	8.6
88	55	Corah	71½	72½	..	..	..	..
395	241½	Courtaulds (aa)	245	247	●-1½	18.2	6.6	6.5
246	186	Dawson	194	196	-1	10.7	5.5	9.8
130	97	Drummond	97	100	-1	4.1	4.1	8.2
164	106	Foster (John)	132	137	● ..	6.7	5.0	8.7
211	165	Gaskell Broadloom	192	202	-3	9.2	4.7	9.7
85	51	Hicking Pentecost	75	78	-1	0.7	0.9	17.8
226	128	Illingworth	160	164	-5	6.0	3.7	11.9
279	170	Jerome (S)	210	215	-5	9.5	4.5	8.7
314	212	Lamont	210	213	-14	10.3	4.9	8.1
405	295	Leeds	320	330	+3	10.7	3.3	10.2
142	110	Lister	135	138	..	5.3	3.9	8.9
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349	250	Mackay (Hugh)	248	258	+1	9.3	3.7	11.9
57	36	Munton	34	37	-1	..	..	..
210	163	Parkland 'A'	161	165	● ..	7.9	4.8	8.8
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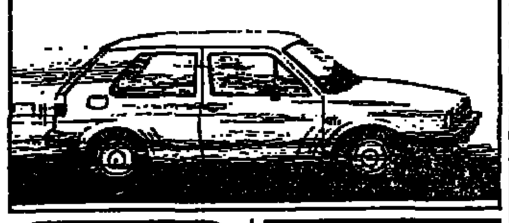

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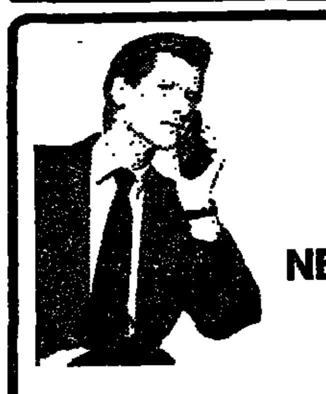

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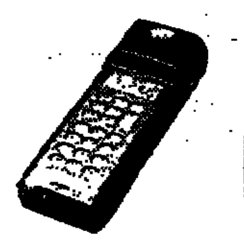

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Alarming ideas for cars

As the car thieves' haul soars, more drivers are fitting automatic alarms. Daniel Ward explains the different systems and gives a cost guide

The cynics would have us believe that the most cost-effective car security is simply a window sticker warning thieves that an alarm is fitted. For motorists who decide it is sensible to fit an alarm there is the considerable problem of recognizing the potential shortcomings of particular systems.

Only by knowing how thieves go about their work can you really appreciate the do's and dont's of car alarms. It is over-simplifying to say "you get what you pay for" because the Mini owner has no wish to spend the several hundred pounds on an alarm that can easily be justified for a Jaguar or Rolls-Royce.

Cheap alarms will invariably use the car's horn rather than a separate siren. The problem is that the horn was never designed to work continuously so will be unreliable, also few people will pay attention to a car horn. And it will often be mounted low down at the front of the car making it easy for a thief to lean underneath and pull the wires off.

The latest alarms not only have a separate siren but also a built-in battery so that if the thief disconnects the car's main battery, the siren continues to sound. The only rule on sirens is the louder the better; the limit is normally about 120 decibels.

Prices start at about £20 for a horn-based alarm which is activated by a drop in voltage when the doors are opened or the ignition is switched on. Even at this price it is imperative that when the alarm is activated the engine is immobilized.

Many older alarms were based on a shock sensor being activated if the car was jolted. They've been responsible for most of the false alarms because adjusting the mechanism accurately proved difficult.

According to Cobra, the security experts, the popularity of modern alarms can be traced to the use of ultrasonic sensors. A small black box is mounted, invariably on the facia, sending out a signal and monitoring its return after being reflected back by the car's glass. If this is broken the sensor will trigger the alarm. Careful positioning of the module is important to cover the whole car's interior. Also, it is crucial that the system will immobilize the car and sound the alarm automatically and continuously if the thief interferes with the wiring to the sensor. Kroolok sell such a system for less than £60. This type of alarm cannot be used in a convertible car.

If the ultrasonic alarm is switched on and off inside the car it will have to have an entry delay and this could give the thief vital seconds needed to steal a camera or whatever from the back seat. Never leave belongings visible in a car.

Many older alarms have to be set using a key, the lock being mounted in the body. This is immediately vulnerable to the attention of a thief. A cleverly mounted internal switch can be more effective, while many new alarms have adopted remote infra-red or radio switching. It is important to have a large number of individual codes so that the system is secure. The most expensive alarms, over £150, will set themselves automatically on the driver leaving the vehicle (passive arming), also locking all the doors and closing the electric windows.

The reliability and ease of fitting an alarm is likely to improve quickly as many are now being offered by the car manufacturers themselves.

Additional bonnet and boot locks linked to the alarm can be useful, particularly if access to the interior can be gained from the boot. And remember, fit locking wheelnuts if you don't want to see your car sitting on a pile of bricks when you return to it.

ROADTEST — VW Passat GL Estate

When big is beautiful

It has never been exactly desirable to own an estate car unless you were, say, a furniture dealer who needed to carry a wardrobe in the back of a Volvo and a settee on the roof, or had an army of kids to fill the rows of seats in a Peugeot 505 family estate, *writes Daniel Ward.*

Undesirable for most people, too, were the hefty fuel bills that went with driving a car of bus-like proportions with styling and lack of decent roadholding to match.

However, today's estate cars largely eschew the old van-with-windows image and compare well with their saloon and hatchback brethren. The latest VW Passat estate is undeniably a member of the new estate-car set. Its predecessor was a remarkably sensible, reliable and durable machine, but boring to look at and not hugely capacious because of its longitudinally mounted engine. In the last year of its life more UK buyers were opting for the estate than the saloon. There was clearly a market for an estate car with the labrador-owner rather than sales-rep image of the traditional Volvo estate, but without its bulk.

Town driving is easy, and the styling is modern and classless

The new Passat estate is well equipped to meet this need, being not so big as to be daunting to park outside the supermarket on a Saturday morning. The 15ft-long VW is only four inches longer and no wider than the Montego estate, and nine inches shorter and three inches slimmer than the 740 Volvo.

To judge the load-carrying capacity it is important to consider what the car will be used for. If the only reason for buying an estate is to provide a degree of comfort for a canine friend, then the luggage area hardly matters. Similarly, if the rear seats are always to be folded down to make full use of the estate car there is little to choose between the Passat (60 cu ft), Renault 21 Savanna (60 cu ft), Montego (57 cu ft) and Peugeot 405 estate (58 cu ft). The Volvo 740 has 75 cu ft.

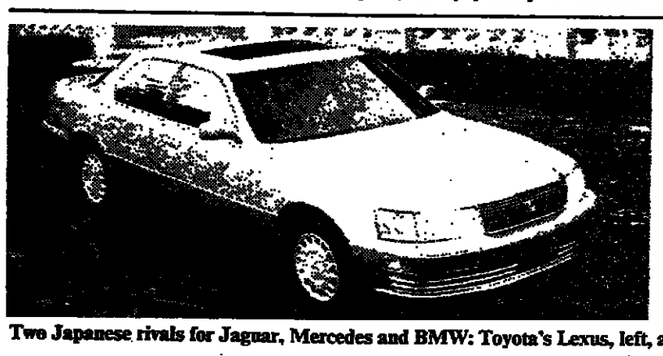
With the rear seats in place, and the "boot" loaded to the bottom of the windows, the Passat estate (18 cu ft) offers marginally less volume than the VW saloon; the Peugeot is even smaller (15 cu ft), while the Montego (27 cu ft) and Savanna (24 cu ft) enjoy a significant advantage. For drivers with more than three children it should be remembered that of the above models only the Montego, Savanna and more expensive Volvo offer the option of an extra row of seats.

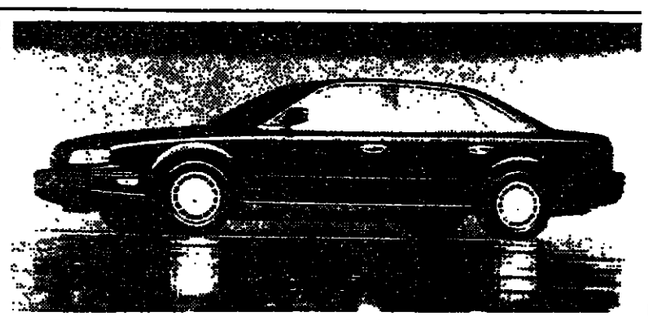
If the Passat is not the roomiest estate, it scores well in other areas. The high seating position is excellent for safety and ease of driving in town, and the styling is modern and classless and, like the Volvo, helps to emphasize the car's durable qualities. Unlike some estates the Passat has a good ride unladen and is not compromised when loaded for a holiday: on bumpy country roads stability is excellent. As a family "holdall" it can still be enjoyable to drive fast as the handling is largely neutral and the power-assisted steering has a good feel.

If this refined and well-finished car has a flaw it is the performance. The GL's 1.8 litre engine has fine smoothness on its side yet 90 bhp and modest torque of 105 lb ft provides a mediocre performance. The gearing has already been modified for the UK market yet 0-60 mph acceleration in 13.1 seconds is slow by any standards, and four seconds more tardy than the cheaper 2 litre injection Montego and bulkier Volvo. The performance is little handicap on clear country roads or when cruising but makes overtaking tiresome.

The better-equipped 112 bhp GT model is more able to match the pace of rivals but costs over £2,000 more than the GL. The comparable Montego and Peugeot are more than £1,000 cheaper than the Passat GL, while the Savanna GTS is almost £2,000 less.

Despite a long list of merits, the GL is best suited to dog-owners; drivers with a large teenage family should dig deeper into their pockets for the more powerful Passat variants.





Two Japanese rivals for Jaguar, Mercedes and BMW: Toyota's Lexus, left, and Nissan's Infiniti Q45 make up in technology what they lack in heritage

Japan's dual attack on prestige market

Competition between Jaguar, BMW and Mercedes is as strong as ever but the trio now share a new threat, which they are taking very seriously. Until now, the Japanese have not made luxury cars, but last week Toyota and Nissan unveiled their first contenders in the prestige class to go on sale in autumn 1989 *writes Daniel Ward.*

Initially they will be sold only in the United States, where Toyota's LS400 will be marketed as a Lexus through a separate network of dealers. Toyota will also offer a smaller saloon, the Lexus ES250.

Nissan will follow the same pattern, marketing its new cars as the Infiniti Q45 and M30 coupé. A convertible will follow.

What they lack in image and heritage these cars will make up for with technology and sophisticated equipment. The Lexus has a 250 bhp 4 litre V8 engine. The top Infiniti has a 4.5 litre double overhead camshaft V8 producing more than 270 bhp. By comparison, BMW has yet to introduce a multi-valve engine and Jaguar's 3.6 litre engine produces a modest 225 bhp.

Cheap cars can have front-wheel drive but for luxury models the Japanese have had to adopt traditional rear-wheel drive. The Lexus and Infiniti have the best suspension design in order to match the handling of the established luxury cars; the Lexus will have the option of air suspension for a fine ride.

The Infiniti is the best-looking of the new cars with elegant styling and luxury car proportions — it is larger than a BMW 7 series. The Japanese have adopted leather and polished wood to give the right aura for the interiors.

The new cars will not immediately prise owners from their Jaguars or Mercedes but they represent significant new competition. The Lexus will be available in Europe by 1990.

ROADWISE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Bridewell Royal Hospital. Witley. Surrey
Scheme for general re-organisation of the Charity.
Ref: 311997-A/4-CD-(S4)
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. Copies can be obtained from them at St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. (ref: 311997-A/4-CD(S4)).

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members)(Creditors) voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 1866649.
Name of company: The Nick Evans Clothing Co. Limited. Address of registered office: Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane. London E17 5QW. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17. Date of appointment: 25th November 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors.
A Segal - Liquidator
Date: 30/11/88

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members)(Creditors) voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 727893.
Name of company: Armagh Equipment Limited. Address of registered office: Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17 5QW. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, Uplands House, Blackhorse Lane, London E17. Date of appointment: 2nd December 1988. By whom appointed: Members.
A Segal - Liquidator
Date: 2/12/88

IN THE MATTER OF INPUT JOINERY LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE is hereby given that:
A special resolution was passed on December 1 1988 that a payment of £258,586 out of the Company's capital (as defined in Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985) in respect of the purchase by the Company from Sidney Philip WARD of 500 Fully Paid Ordinary Shares of £1 each under Section 162 of the Companies Act 1985 be authorised.
The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £258,586.
The statutory declaration and auditors report required by Sections 173 and 174 of the Companies Act 1985 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at 26a High Street, Andover, Hampshire and
Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following December 1 1988 for an order prohibiting the payment.
Dated December 1 1988
G E Ruddick - Company Secretary

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IN THE MATTER OF PQ ASSOCIATES LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith D Goodman, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 29th November 1988.
Dated this 29th day of November 1988
Keith D Goodman - Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE BRISTOL COUNTY COURT - NO. 189 OF 1988
IN BANKRUPTCY
TO: MARTYN FOSTER
Southwold
Bourne Stream
Wootton-under-Edge
Gloucestershire.
TAKE NOTICE that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by:
Mr and Mrs F.T. Brace
10 Norfol Grove
Keynsham
Bristol BS18 2PG.
and the Court has ordered that substituted service of the Petition be effected by advertisement in The London Gazette and in The Times newspaper shall be deemed to be service of the Petition upon you.
The said Petition will be heard at this Court on Monday 12th December 1988 at 10.30 am at Bristol County Court, 2nd Floor, Greyfriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol 1.
IMPORTANT:
If you do not attend the hearing of the Petition the Court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence.
The Petition can be inspected by you on application at this Court, whose offices are at Greyfriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol 1.
Dated 2nd December 1988

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006840 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF BOUSTEAD p.l.c.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 24th November 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the CANCELLATION of the SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT of the above named Company.
Any Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 19th day of December 1988.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be *furnished to any such person re*quiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated the 5th day of December 1988
STEPHENSON HARWOOD
One St. Paul's Churchyard
LONDON EC4M 8SH
Solicitors for the above named Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 006705 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF SHARP & LAW PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 18th November 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 19th day of December 1988 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 9th day of December 1988
Simpson Curtis
41 Park Square
Leeds LS1 2NS
Solicitors for the above named Company

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO SUBMIT CLAIMS
IN THE MATTER OF POCOCK & CO. (ALDERSHOT) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 23rd day of December 1988, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Iain Timothy Thomson 8-18 South Street, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7PF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 29th day of November 1988
I T Thomson - Liquidator
This notice is purely formal. All known Creditors have been or will be paid in full.

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES CORPORATION GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE

Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation, Kathmandu, Nepal invites tenders for the sale of its two HS-748 Series 2A Model 253 Turbo Propeller Aircrafts manufactured by British Aerospace, U.K. in "as is where is" condition. The aircrafts *are presently in flying condition* and are being maintained as per BA low utilization maintenance schedule. The aircrafts are available at Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu for inspection.

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9N-AAV	23.12.68	1672	22264/28066

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K) The tender forms must be accompanied by bank voucher or bank guarantee of 2.5 percent of total bid, deposited in the corporation account, the details of bank account no. will be provided along with the tender form.
L) The last date of submission of tender is 45 days after the first publication of notice. All tenders received shall be opened in presence of all tenderers of their authorised representatives on the date of notification to the tenderers by the corporation.
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N) For further details, please contact:

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL PURCHASE N STORES
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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

In Parliament
Session 1988-89
NEW SOUTHGATE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been or will be made to Parliament by New Southgate Cemetery and Crematorium Limited (hereinafter referred to as "New Southgate") for leave to introduce a Bill with the above name or short title for the purposes of which the following is a concise summary -
1. To confirm an Agreement dated 22nd March 1988 and *made* between New Southgate and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "the Baha'is") for the transfer of a piece of land described in Schedule 1 to the said Bill (hereinafter referred to as the "transferred land") being land within the London Borough of Barnet forming part of the cemetery by new Southgate to the Baha'is;
2. To provide for the saving of existing obligations and rights which relate to the transferred land and for the cesser of certain obligations on the part of New Southgate with respect to the transferred land;
3. To confer certain powers on the Baha'is with respect to the maintenance of the transferred land

Copies of a plan Marked "New Southgate Cemetery and Crematorium Limited" showing the transferred land were in the month of November 1988 deposited in the office of the Clerk to the Parliaments, House of Lords and in the Private Bill Office, House of Commons and a copy of the said plan is available for inspection at the registered office of New Southgate Pembroke House 40 City Road London EC1 and at the offices of the undermentioned solicitors and parliamentary agents.
On and after 2nd December 1988 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of £1 per copy at the said registered office of New Southgate and at the offices of the undermentioned solicitors and parliamentary agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The last date for the deposit of such a Petition in the first House will be 6th February 1989 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1989 if its originates in the House of Commons. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office, House of Commons or the undermentioned parliamentary agents.
Dated this 2nd day of December 1988
Rye & Lemon
Sotherland House
5/6 Argyll Street
London W1V 1AD - Solicitors.
Martin & Co.,
1 Dean Farrar Street
Westminster
London SW1H ODY.
Parliamentary Agents.

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1988-89
QUEEN MARY AND WESTFIELD COLLEGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament in the present Session by the University of London, Queen Mary College and Westfield College for leave to introduce a Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary -
1. To transfer to Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London (hereinafter called "the College") property, rights and privileges and debts and obligations of Queen Mary College and Westfield College (hereinafter called "the existing colleges") and to provide for the dissolution of the existing colleges;
2. To enact provisions relating to existing agreements, appointments, awards, contracts, deeds, etc., the construction of bequests in favour of the existing colleges and the continued employment of staff of the existing colleges;
3. To provide for various powers or rights of the existing colleges to appoint or nominate members of certain bodies to be transferred to the College;
4. To provide for the transfer of certain Westfield College trust funds to the Westfield Trust and to exclude that trust and the property representing the same from transfer to the College;
5. To make provision with respect to the administration, investment and management of certain funds relating to the College.

On and after the 2nd December 1988 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of 50p per copy at the Central Office, University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU at the offices of the Secretary, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS, the Secretary, Westfield College, Hampstead, London NW3 7ST and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords or the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February 1989 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1989 if it originates in the House of Commons.
Further information regarding the deposit of such a Petition may be obtained from either the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords or the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1988

SHARPE PRITCHARD,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
3 Dean Farrar Street,
Westminster,
London SW1H 9JX.
Parliamentary Agents.

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1988-89

BRITISH RAILWAYS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the British Railways Board ("the Board") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary: -

1. Construction of the following works:-

In the city of Birmingham and metropolitan borough of Sandwell, West Midlands - Work No. 1 - A railway (3805 metres in length and partly in existing tunnels) at Birmingham, including the provision of access from Benson Road and Livery Street, and a widening (Work No. 1A) of the railway bridge over the Birmingham Canal, Birmingham level, at Smethwick;

In the metropolitan borough of Doncaster, South Yorkshire -
Work No. 2 - A railway (650 metres in length) at Tickhill;

In the district of Ashfield and borough of Gedling, Nottinghamshire -
Work No. 3 - A railway (6323 metres in length and partly in tunnel) commencing at Kirkby in Ashfield in that district, passing through the parishes of Annesley and Felley and Newstead and terminating in the parish of Linby, including the provision of access from Grives Lane and Tilford Road;

In the city of Bristol, Avon -
Work No. 4 - A railway (500 metres in length) at the St. Philip's Marsh railway depot of the Board;

In the borough of Warrington, Cheshire -
Work No. 5 - A railway (316 metres in length) near to Warrington Bank Quay railway station;

In the borough of Stockton-on-Tees -
Work No. 6 - A railway (944 metres in length), being a deviation of the railway between Eaglescliffe and Billingham;

In the borough of Newport, Gwent -
Work No. 7 A railway (647 metres in length) at Bassaleg, including a bridge over the river Ebbw (afon Ebwy);

In the boroughs of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, and Ogwr, Mid Glamorgan -
Work No. 8 - A railway (592 metres in length) at Cefn Cribwr, being a deviation of the Ogmore Valleys Extension railway, including a bridge over Bedford Road;

In the London borough of Greenwich -
Work No. 9 - A partial reconstruction of the tunnel at Woolwich Dockyard railway station;

In the London borough of Lewisham -
Works Nos. 10A and 10B - Widenings of railway bridges and viaducts at Lewisham High Street, and at Mill Road and the Ravensbourne River;

In the borough of Dartford, Kent -
Work No. 11 - A widening of the railway bridge over Overy Street.

2. For the purpose of the construction of Work No. 1 mentioned in paragraph 1 above, relinquishment of the power to construct certain railway works at Birmingham comprised in part of Work No. 6 authorised by the British Railways Act 1981 and all of Work No. 2 authorised by the British Railways (No. 2) Act 1984.

3. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, including provision of railway stations at Vyse Street, The Hawthorns and Smethwick in connection with Works Nos. 1 and 1A and the appropriation of certain works for the purposes of those works and the station at Vyse Street; power to construct and operate level crossings over Grives Lane and Tilford Road in connection with Work No. 3; to provide buildings for the repair and servicing of railway vehicles in connection with Work No. 4; to raise the level of the combined private road and public footpath linking Slutchers Lane with property at Arpley Meadows by bridging Work No. 5; and to narrow the northern footway of Belson Road, set back a retaining wall and provide platform extensions at Woolwich Dockyard railway station and at Lewisham and Dartford railway stations; and general powers respecting the permanent or temporary stoppage of roads, bridleways and footpaths, with or without substitutes, and for the appropriation of sites of certain roads, bridleways and footpaths so stopped up.

4. Power to stop up the footpath and remove the footbridge over the railway adjacent to Malton level crossing, Norton, North Yorkshire, the footpath over Tipton Watery Lane level crossing, Tipton, West Midlands, and, in the district of Ashfield, part of the footpath between Annesley and the Notts Golf Club and part of footpath No. 37a between Castle Hill and Kirkby in Ashfield and to provide a new footpath in place thereof; power to stop up the part of the footpath at Preston, in the boroughs of Preston and South Ribble, Lancashire, between Avenham Park and the south bank of the River Ribble carried by a footbridge over the River, relief from the obligation to maintain that footbridge and to provide a new footpath on the adjacent disused railway viaduct; and upon the completion of a new footpath between the East Harling-Wilby road and Heath Road, Quidenham, Norfolk, to stop up Heath level crossing No. 59.

5. Power for the Board to enter into agreements with -
(a) Trafford Borough Council, concerning a level crossing to be constructed at West Timperley, Greater Manchester, and the stopping up of Sinderland or Parkers crossing, including the footpath over that crossing between Sinderland Road and Sinderland Brook; and
(b) Nottinghamshire County Council, concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Basford Vernon and the stopping up of David Lane crossing;
and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of those crossings.

6. Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Littons Mill level crossing (Warrington, Cheshire) and Mill Lane level crossing (Ickleton, Cambridgeshire); and special provisions for the operation of Littons Mill crossing.

7. Purchase of land or rights over land in the areas of the Works referred to in paragraph 1 above (including land at Birmingham for the provision of access, at the Hawthorns for the provision of the railway station referred to in Paragraph 2 above and at Woolwich Dockyard railway station for the provision of the set back retaining wall) and also at Preston and Quidenham for the purposes referred to in paragraph 3 above; temporary possession or use of, and access over, land at Birmingham, Kirkby in Ashfield (Ashfield and Gedling) and Smethwick; special provisions as to entry and compensation and general provisions for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used.

8. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of land or rights over land authorised to be purchased by the British Railways (No. 2) Act 1984 for the purpose of Work No. 1 of that Act (railway at Swinton, Rotherham).

9. To provide that the trustees and life tenants of the Cockwillan and Penrhyn estates and the Board shall not be required to maintain shrubs or ground cover on certain railway land in the district of Arfon, Gwynedd.

10. Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows: -

AREA	OFFICER WITH WHOM DEPOSIT MADE
London borough of Greenwich	Chief Executive, Town Hall, Woolwich;
London borough of Lewisham	Borough Secretary & Solicitor, Town Hall, Catford;
County of Avon	Director of Administration & County Solicitor, Avon House The Haymarket, Bristol;
County of Cheshire	County Secretary & Solicitor, County Hall, Chester;
Borough of Warrington	Borough Secretary, Town Hall, Warrington;
County of Cleveland	County Secretary, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough;
Borough of Stockton-on-Tees	Town Clerk, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees;
County of Gwent	Chief Executive, County Hall, Cwmbran;
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Edited by Derek Harris
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Veronica Heath looks at an elegant way of exploiting the many strengths of the North-East

A new type of business is emerging in the former heavily industrialized towns of the North-East. Corporate entertainment has joined pharmaceuticals, electronics and food processing, which have replaced the traditional coal, steel and shipbuilding industries.

Michael Jobling and Janet White are two enterprising people who saw the need in Northumbria for sophisticated entertainment to cater for customers and senior management of these companies.

"Effective corporate hospitality is becoming important for companies as the expectations of visiting businessmen have become more sophisticated," said Ms White. "The natural resources of Northumbria, together with the thoughtful application of a professional service fulfils these demands and creates a lasting image for the host company."

What makes Highcastle Hospitality unusual is that it has seven private castles and country houses in Northumberland at its disposal as venues. "It follows that our service has to be as genteel as the surroundings."

Ms White has had years of experience entertaining paying guests in her farmhouse home at Kirkwhelpington and gained valuable experience as chairman of the Northumbrian Hospitality Group of farmers' wives, offering exclusive farm holidays and accommodation.

Mr Jobling worked in business management and accountancy and has a reputation for expertise in wine and food. "The North-East has been a desert regarding wine and cuisine," he said. "This is changing fast. Highcastle Hospitality has a team of superb cooks and specialists in how to make a function work.

"People like privacy and do not always want to work and entertain from a hotel. We are organizing a seminar for one company in an art gallery."

Mr Jobling and Ms White invested £10,000 in the business in the form of research, brochure production, vehicles and office equipment and have applied for a regional development grant. They have taken out public liability assurance of £2 million, so each event is adequately insured.

They believe there is virtually nothing in the way of corporate hospitality that they cannot provide and they have access to a huge variety of entertainment.

The region is renowned for top-class sporting facilities — pheasant and grouse shooting, fishing, horse racing and golf. Clay pigeon shooting, with or without instruction, can be arranged (in a country-house setting if needed),

Michael Jobling and Janet White prepare for a function in an ancestral hall

and a banquet, a sales conference, hot air balloons, treasure hunts, even shark fishing are available. They are also planning theme events, such as a St George's night ball.

"We also offer memorable and unusual gifts if a business wants something rather special for its clients," said Janet. "Northumberland and Durham have genuine craftsmen."

In the initial stages of the business they made inquiries among local businessmen, studied companies which were doing well and handed out their up-market brochure. They found that the trend in many companies was to cut back on manpower and to bring in expertise as needed.

"That is where we came in," said Michael. "We do have access to exclusive venues. The aristocratic flavour of a day organized by Highcastle is a deliberate plot in helping our clients enhance their reputation with prospective customers. We make the day as formal or as informal as they like. As our properties are privately owned, they leave a lasting impression on our clients' guests."

Highcastle Hospitality specializes in private lunches and dinners, small seminars and product launches for up to 100 people. "Entertaining overseas clients in a a peel tower absolutely steeped in a history of Border warfare goes down well," said Ms White.

● *Highcastle Hospitality: 0830-40247 or 0661-24924.*

Take it from the top

A plea for small firms to take advantage of increasing business opportunities with government departments has come from John Cope, the small firms minister at the Department of Employment, *writes Derek Harris.*

It is part of his campaign to persuade Whitehall departments that by making it easier for small businesses to pitch for contracts they can help the Government get value for money as well as assisting the small firms.

Already government purchasing officers have "responded very well," according to Mr Cope. But he singles out the Ministry of Defence for praise after the publication of its *Selling to MoD* booklet and its creation of a guidance system for small businesses to reach the right person to discuss possible deals.

The MoD has already been able to count gains in thousands of pounds worth of savings and value for money improvements, says Mr Cope.

He added: "Government departments can look intimidating to the small businesses standing outside, wondering if they can do business with them. I applaud the MoD for its pioneering efforts."

● **Contact: *Advice is available from the DoE small firms service by dialling 100 and asking for Freefone Enterprise.***

BRIEFING

Backing exports

■ Small businesses with sustained increases in export earnings over the past two years are, provided they employ no more than 200 people, eligible for the next annual round of the government-backed export award for smaller businesses.

The award, with five equal winner prizes totalling £35,000, is in its 20th year, sponsored by the Government's British Overseas Trade Board, Reed International's Kelly's UK Exports, the chartered accountants Price Waterhouse, Thomas Cook and the Midland Bank.

The closing date for entries is March 14, 1989, and applications can be made through regional offices of the Department of Trade and Industry, Thomas Cook travel shops or Midland Bank branches.

■ Nicolas Roberts and Stephen Lemon, who farm salmon in the Outer Hebrides then smoke it in Kent, have won the £5,000 top award in the Prize for Enterprise competition sponsored by National Westminster. It aims to find the most promising business developed under the Government's enterprise allowance scheme.

A second prize, of £3,000, has gone to Allan and Anne Bowness of Girards Confectionery at Mold, Clwyd, North Wales, specializing in luxury chocolates and confectionery. Winners of a £2,000 third prize were Paul Hunt, Roger Barnes and Marina Bredda whose company Brush Strokes (Cumbria) produces three-dimensional pictures for giftware retail outlets.

The Roberts-Lemon business was launched only in April this year as *Kileravagh Smoked Foods*, processing and distributing not only smoked salmon but also trout and a range of meats. Their factory is at St Nicholas-at-Wade, Birchington, Kent.

■ Ian Richards, a freelance training consultant, wants to publish a book to help small businesses make proper use of computers. So he is asking people to send him accounts of experiences with computers — successful, disastrous or even humorous.

Mr Richards has also set up a management consultancy for industry, comprising members of Mensa, the society whose members pride themselves on their high IQs. He believes a Mensa group can act as a think-tank for business.

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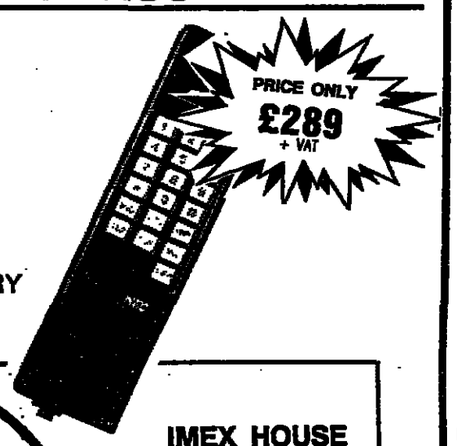

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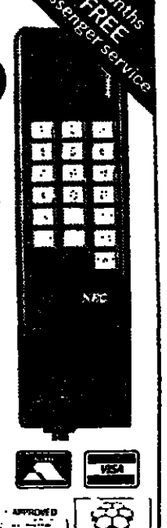

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Melbourne

This is meant to be about Wales (David Llewellyn and Mark Mouland) and may finish up more as an eulogy of Switzerland (Karim Baradie and Helmuth Schumacher). The two sides went off together in the World Cup here yesterday, Wales defending the title they won *in Hawaii last year and Switzerland* just making up the number.

Their first stroke was played at 12.36, the last, five and three quarter hours later, at 6.21. If you think cricketers are slow, you want to watch World Cup golf, with every putt needing to be holed. It was a slow march round a great and famous course, which the golfers had not quite, but almost, to themselves. It was a leisurely way of passing the day, and altogether more beautiful than watching bowlers trying to knock batsmen's heads off; but *the tempo of it was no* good to Llewellyn. If Woosnam's absence saddened Llewellyn, he was not alone in that, and Mouland stood in well for the little champion.

Offering Wales at 33-1 to retain their title, it looks as if the bookmakers got it right. Llewellyn and Mouland made an incongruous pair, one as slim as a swizzle stick, the other as voluminous as a jeroboam. Two under par after two holes was a *promising collective* start for Wales; but after that, until he holed across the 18th green, Llewellyn's round was a succession of frustrations.

Mouland is following in his father's footsteps by playing in the competition. He so lost his confidence on fast, but rather treacherous greens, that in the end he was asking his caddie, an Australian youth, for the line. There are nine-year-olds in India, eight-year-olds in Jamaica, and quite probably six-year-olds in Africa who will tell you *where to putt, and could do it* themselves without it occurring to them that it is in the least bit difficult. I have never had a young caddie in Australia, because there are no such things. But Mouland came back in par, despite a six on his card.

Had it been a four-ball match, Wales against Switzerland, Switzerland would have won four and two. Their better ball was 65. There are *33 golf courses in Switzerland* — fewer than, all told, in Melbourne — of which three sometimes stay open all the year.

When Schumacher gets home the week after next he will exchange his golf clubs for skis and take to the slopes as an instructor, somewhere near the Austrian border. With a wedge and an open stance from just off the green he has a lovely touch, or so he did yesterday.

But the round of the four, as good as an 18 holes as can ever have been played by a golfer representing Switzerland, was Baradie's 70. As his first name suggests, he is not of exclusively Swiss extraction. But he arrived there as a boy of six, which makes him just as Swiss as a lot of Australians are, let alone Englishmen, challenging for places in their Test sides. Switzerland's success — as a pair they are a mere four strokes behind Crenshaw and McCumber — seems to me to be the essence of the World Cup, just as it *will be if their wheels fall off today.*

So, too, was India's appearance at the top of the leader board as late in the day as one o'clock. There they were, in all their passing glory, at four under par after three holes — Basad Ali from that splendid course in Delhi, and Rohtas Singh from Royal Calcutta, which Peter Thomson brought up to date and where the fairways are used for cricket and the "tanks", which are just as much lakes as the lakes at the Belfry, are used in which to do the laundry. There can be no more gorgeously *colourful fairways in the world than* at Royal Calcutta, when the dhobi is laid out in the sun.

How ironic, too, in view of the *cancellation of England's cricket* tour to India, that bracketed at the head of yesterday's field, albeit briefly, should be India and England. Had the two been drawn together, not even Rajiv Gandhi nor the anti-apartheid movement nor the International Cricket Conference would have stopped them teeing off, although certainly one of the England side has liked to winter on the South African circuit.

Immediately ahead of Wales and Switzerland were The Netherlands, where golf is in its infancy, and the United States. If theirs had been a four-ball match, Crenshaw and McCumber would have been only one up after nine holes. I don't know who inspired the World Cup, but something as simple yet improbable as that must have been a part of his pipe dream.

STUDENT SPORT

Wales squander chances in their defence of title

By Mark Herbert

Wales, the champions, moved into the quarter-finals of the British polytechnics rugby union championships without fuss, beating Portsmouth 16-0 at home. The only worry for the *champions* was the way that they squandered chances in the second half.

The domination of the Wales forwards earned the win. A strike against the head by Titcombe gave the flanker, Tudor, supporting his scrum half, a try from close range. Hill, a prop, latched on to an elaborate handling move among the backs to score a second.

Abraham converted the first try and added two penalties in the second half, but Wales, for all their possession, failed to score again. Titcombe managed to cross the Portsmouth line, but he dropped the ball.

In the lower half of the draw, Leeds, who beat last year's finalists, Sheffield, in the group rounds, maintained their form with a 30-3 win over Teesside.

Mitchell, with a run from half-way, scored the best of their tries, and Appleson, the England Students stand-off half, added a penalty goal and three conversions. Sheffield beat Newcastle 16-7.

Brighton, the football champions, were again indebted to Spooner, who scored a goal in each half to dispose of Bristol. Liverpool and Portsmouth both had emphatic wins: *the former* beat Coventry 5-2 and Portsmouth, for whom Woodhead (2), Stacey and Wilson were on target, overcame Plymouth 4-1.

Portsmouth sprang a surprise in the men's hockey by beating Bristol, the holders, 1-0 away. The champions, who have lost the core of last season's side, had the best of the first half.

They also had the best chance of the second half, but were foiled by a superb save by Page. Reorganizing from that, Portsmouth moved upfield and Mitchell hit the winner with 10 minutes remaining.

Liverpool, the women's champions, look head and shoulders above the rest this year. They demolished Leicester 12-0 at home, Poole scoring five and Duckworth three. Liverpool *have yet to concede a goal and in* their four BPSA matches have scored 34. Their quarter-final opponents should provide a sterner test though: Leeds, last season's finalists, drew 1-1 with Newcastle. Brighton, in the lower half of the draw, looked strong in a 4-0 win over Plymouth and Riley scored twice.

BPSA RESULTS: Eighth-finals (in draw order): Football: Liverpool 5, Coventry 2; Bristol 0, Brighton 2; Hatfield 2, NE London 1; Thames 2, N London 2; Portsmouth 4, Plymouth 1; Wolverhampton 3, Lancashire 4. Postponed: Sunderland v Trent, Leeds v Newcastle. Rugby union: Newcastle 7, Sheffield 18; Liverpool 18, Leicester 0; Wales 16, Portsmouth 0; Thames 27, N London 7; Kingston 0, Bristol 17; Wolverhampton 22, Staffs 12; Leeds 30, Teesside 3. Hockey: Men: Staffs 2, Leicester 1; Bristol 0, Portsmouth 1; Thames 4, Middlesex 2; Kingston 2, Wales 1; Birmingham 4, Liverpool 1. Postponed: Newcastle v Trent, Sheffield v Teesside. Women: Newcastle 1, Leeds 1; Liverpool 12, Leicester 0; Bristol 1, Portsmouth 2; Hatfield 5, Central London 0; Brighton 4, Plymouth 0. Postponed: Coventry v Staffs; Sheffield v Teesside.

UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION RESULTS: Football: Leicester 2, Aberystwyth 0; Essex 2, Bath 1; Liverpool 2, Newcastle 1; Kent 4, UCL 1. Rugby union: Bath 46, Sussex 3; Surrey 18, UEA 0; Newcastle 19, Liverpool 3. Hockey: Men: Manchester 2, Sheffield 0; Cardiff 2, Keele 0; Kent 2, City 0; Reading 6, Surrey 0. Women: Kent 2, UCL 1; Hull 6, Liverpool 2; Brunel 1, Southampton 2; Bangor 2, Leicester 1.

Montgomerie proves a shrewd investment in emotive atmosphere

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Melbourne

It is said that Royal Melbourne is a course designed for a true champion, so Colin Montgomerie was entitled to feel elated following his round of 69 here in the World Cup of Golf.

Montgomerie switched to the professional ranks little more than a year ago, so he deserves considerable praise for compiling his score on such a difficult course and in such an emotive atmosphere without conceding a shot to par.

In so doing, Montgomerie guided Scotland, for whom the more experienced Gordon Brand jnr took 71, into a challenging position on an opening day when Japan seized the lead by one shot from New Zealand, Spain and the United States.

Scotland, whose total of 140 left them only two shots adrift of Japan, came within a whisker of winning 12 months ago, at which time the country was represented by Sandy Lyle and Sam Torrance. Montgomerie was himself involved that week in winning his player's card to compete on the PGA European Tour.

Montgomerie achieved that and he played effectively enough in his first year to be above Torrance in the Volvo Order of Merit at the precise moment when the World Cup teams were selected. So with Lyle opting not to compete, Montgomerie completed a remarkably quick transition from the Walker Cup to the World Cup.

Such is Montgomerie's determination to succeed that in the one month between competing in the Volvo Masters, in Spain, and flying to Australia, he spent hour upon hour each day of the week hitting shots in the cold Scottish air while Billy Lockie, the professional at Kilmarnock (Barassie), looked on.

The outcome is that Montgomerie, whose natural *shot is to shape the ball from* right to left, has developed the ability to hit a controlled fade which has unquestionably reduced the likelihood of him straying from the straight and narrow. What is more, Montgomerie's determination can be measured in pounds and inches because he has lost 1½ stone, so necessitating a trip to the tailors, to ensure that he was indeed ready to give of his best for Scotland.

That Montgomerie achieved all that he desired by virtue of collecting three birdies, two of them at par fives, showed without doubt his ability to compete under the severest of pressure. So the Sunningdale stockbrokers who chose to form a consortium and invest in Montgomerie have proved that their eye for a golfer is as sharp as their ability to interpret the stockmarket.

The composite course at Royal Melbourne represents a fascinating challenge and it is, according to Peter Williams, the superintendent who has been working here for 27 years, always set up in the best possible way to extract a true *winner. It is a fine example of* the work of Alister MacKenzie, and so naturally some people were disappointed to hear Jack Nicklaus, on playing it for the first time last week, refer to Royal Melbourne as being a good members' course.

Tateo "Jet" Ozaki (68) and Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki (70) gave Japan the lead on 138, which is six under par, but Ben Crenshaw studiously put together a 68 so that the United States are nicely poised on 139.

The greens, shaved lower than they were for the Australian Bicentennial Classic last week, proved troublesome to many players including Mark James who took 35 putts in a round of 69. Even so, England, with Barry Lane taking 73, finished on 142 as did Ireland for whom Ronan Rafferty and Des Smyth each took 71.

For David Llewellyn, who helped Ian Woosnam in the World Cup for Wales 12 months ago, it was a depressing opening day. He took 77 shots which nevertheless, was understandable as he was suffering from a recurrence of a malaria-like virus.

FIRST-DAY SCORES

138: Japan (T Ozaki 68, M Ozaki 70).
139: New Zealand (F Nobilo 67, G Turner 72). Spain (J Rivero 67, M Pinero 72). United States (B Crenshaw 68, M McCumber 71).
140: Brazil (P Diniz 69, Rafael Navarro 71). Scotland (G Brand Jnr 71, C Montgomerie 69).
142: England (M James 69, B Lane 73). Ireland (R Rafferty 71, D Smyth 71).
143: Australia (P Senior 70, R Mackay 73). Chinese Taipei (Hsu Sheng-San 74, Li Wen-Sheng 69). Colombia (R Gonzales 73, E Herrera 70). Switzerland (K Baradie 70, H Schumacher 73).
144: Canada (D Barr 70, B Franklin 74).
145: Argentina (E Romero 75, J Soto 70). Denmark (A Sorensen 73, S Tirming 72).
146: South Korea (Park Nam Sin 69, Choi Sang Ho 77). Sweden (A Forsbrand 76, J Rystrom 70).
147: Finland (T Sipponen 74, M Louhio 73). Italy (C Rocca 73, G Cali 74).
149: Mexico (R Alarcon 69, E Serna 80). Thailand (S Srisangar 72, B Ruangkit 77).
151: India (R Singh 74, B Ali 77). Philippines (M Siodina 73, R Labares 78). Venezuela (R Munoz 75, J Santana 76). Wales (D Llewellyn 77, M Mouland 74). Zimbabwe (T Price 77, A Edwards 74).
152: Malaysia (S Yusof 75, B Bulush 77).
153: France (E Dussart 76, M Pendaries 77).
156: West Germany (C Knauss 79, W John 77).
157: Indonesia (G Suwirjo 78, Kasiadi 79).
158: Hong Kong (Yau Sui Ming 78, A Tang 80).
160: Netherlands (W Swart 82, K Borst 78).

Out in the open: Cho Sang Ho, of South Korea, escapes from the trees at Royal Melbourne

Conditions favour Varnam

Auckland (Reuter) — James Varnam, of New Zealand, profited from the day's best conditions to shoot a five-under-par 65 in the first round of the Auckland Open tournament at Titirangi yesterday.

Varnam, playing in the morning when the greens were still damp from overnight rain, was one shot clear of the Australian, Ian Stanley, also an early starter. Another Australian, Peter Fowler, carded a 67, followed by the former US Open champion, Hale Irwin, who was tied with the Australians, Ossie Moore and Jeff Woodland, on 68.

Ten more players were ahead of tournament favourite, Rodger Davis, of Australia, the winner of the Bicentennial Classic in Melbourne last week, who was on 71, while the holder, Mike Colandro, of the United States, was on 74 and the US PGA champion, Jeff Sluman, on 79.

Sluman, who sprayed his tee shots and struggled on the greens, was in danger of missing the cut unless he produced a good second round. Irwin blamed himself rather than the blustery wind and increasingly tricky greens for not scoring better.

"I don't think the course played difficult, though in the afternoon the greens were drying and becoming bobbly," he said. "I became fed up with myself when I didn't take advantage of numerous opportunities in the middle of the course."

Varnam had no trouble with the greens and Stanley had nothing but praise for the course. "In Australia they grow the rough right up to the greens and the greens are like concrete," he said. "All you can do is aim for the middle of the green. Here you can attack the flag."

LEADING SCORES: First round: 65: J Varnam (NZ). 66: I Stanley (Aus). 67: P Fowler (Aus). 68: O Moore (Aus), J Woodland (Aus), H Irwin (US). Other scores: 71: R Davis (Aus), M Clayton (Aus). 74: M Colandro (US). 79: J Sluman (US).

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Wellington falter in final encounter

By Michael Stevenson

Wellington (Berkshire), after an impressive season, stumbled at the final hurdle against Marlborough, losing the match (6-13) and their unbeaten record. Wellington led 6-0 at half-time through two penalties but Marlborough's improved second-half showing brought victory by a goal, a try and a penalty to two penalties.

Marlborough's fortunes were reversed against Eltham in a floodlit match at Beckenham on Wednesday, Eltham winning 10-7. Marlborough led 4-0 at half-time through a try by their scrum half, Marconi, but Eltham used the wind much better in the second half, victory coming through tries from Campbell and Hughes, the first converted by Campbell. Yates kicked a penalty goal for the losers. Eltham have had an excellent season, following early losses against Judd (36-6), Cranbrook (10-0) and Duke of York's (10-4).

In Scotland, Merchiston Castle, following their early triumph in the Hull University 15-a-side tournament, have won all 11 matches, scoring 381 points and conceding 63. Their hardest match was against Glenalmond (7-6). They have three players, the captain, Walsingham, at prop, White, the centre, and, Anderson, the wing, selected for Scottish schools against France.

The success enjoyed by Dinnington CS (Rotherham) is even more remarkable considering from the test there laid down.

ering they also field four hockey and six football teams every Saturday. They have won 12 out of 12 games, scoring 545 and conceding only 40 points. Their most recent victories have been against Hipperholme GS (12-6), Highfields, Matlock (36-7) and Adwick, Doncaster (43-6).

Rossall's excellent run continued with triumph over Arnold (18-3) in atrocious conditions. Arnold led 3-0 after wind advantage at half-time but two tries from Lee, the No. 8, helped Rossall to victory. They have won 13 out of 14 matches, losing only to King's, Macclesfield.

Cheltenham relinquished their unbeaten record in a 18-4 loss to Marlborough. The scoreline comprised six penalties to a try. Cheltenham rebounded with victory over Sherborne (17-15), having trailed 7-15; the win came through a pushover try and a late try and conversion with the last kick of the match.

The Ley's, Cambridge, having lost only to Oakham, found unbeaten Gresham's in commanding form, which brought victory (24-9). Their flanker, Stingemore scored two tries.

Ellesmere, after narrow defeat by Sedbergh (7-4) gained a notable victory against Durham (13-20) on their short Northern tour. Ellesmere were 13-4 down at half-time. But, after good defence, a flurry of points brought success.

House of Lords — Law Report December 9 1988 — Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Back-calculation of alcohol level admissible

Gumbley v Cunningham

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry

[Speeches December 8]

Where the defendant, more than four hours after driving, provided a specimen of blood the alcohol concentration of which was below the prescribed limit, prosecution evidence obtained by back-calculation was admissible to show that at the time of driving his blood-alcohol concentration would have exceeded the limit.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Stephen Gary Gumbley from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann) (*The Times* July 30, 1987; [1988] QB 170), who had dismissed his appeal by case stated from Birmingham Crown Court (Judge Ross, QC and a jury).

The crown court had dismissed his appeal against his conviction by Birmingham Justices on May 7, 1986 of driving a motor vehicle with excess alcohol, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981. He was fined £200, his licence was endorsed and he was disqualified for driving for 12 months.

Mr John Morris, QC and Mr Dominic Roberts for the defendant; Mr Martin Wilson, QC and Mr Roger D. H. Smith for the prosecution.

LORD ACKNER said that the defendant had been involved in an accident at about 11.15pm on May 7, 1985. At 3.35am, at a hospital, he had provided a specimen of blood for analysis, which had revealed a concentration of not less than 59mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood.

Although the analysis had shown a concentration below the prescribed limit of 80 mg, the specimen had been obtained over four hours after the accident. The prosecution had accordingly sought to establish that the defendant's blood-alcohol concentration must have been in excess of the prescribed limit at the time of the collision.

Accordingly, medical evidence had been called, which had been unchallenged, and it had established:

(i) that the defendant, who at *the material time* had been aged 34 and of average height and muscular build weighing some 11 stone, had been in good physical condition;

(ii) that such a person would eliminate alcohol from his bloodstream at between 10 and 25mg per 100ml per hour; that the most likely elimination rate was in the region of 15mg per 100ml per hour and that the concentration of alcohol in the defendant's body four hours and twenty minutes before the specimen had been collected would have been in the region of 120 to 130mg per 100ml; and

(iii) that even in the most unheard-of event of an elimination rate of 6mg per 100ml per hour the defendant's blood-alcohol concentration would have exceeded the limit at the time of the collision.

It had not been, nor could it have been, disputed that that evidence was relevant to establishing that the defendant, immediately before the accident, had been driving his car after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his blood exceeded the prescribed limit.

His contention was that the evidence, though admissible, *was excluded by statute.*

Section 1(1) of the Road Safety Act 1967 had provided:

"If a person drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, having consumed alcohol in such a quantity that the proportion thereof in his blood, as ascertained from a laboratory test for which he subsequently provides a specimen under section 3 of this Act, exceeds the prescribed limit at the time he provides the specimen, he shall be liable . . .".

In *Rowlands v Hamilton* ([1971] 1 WLR 647), the House of Lords had had to consider what had been known as the "hip-flask defence", which had arisen when the defendant claimed that, although the analysis of his blood-alcohol concentration established that it exceeded the prescribed limit, he had drunk alcohol since ceasing to drive and, accordingly, the analysis could not be relied on.

To meet such a defence, the *prosecution had sought to call* evidence to establish that, after making the appropriate adjustment to eliminate the post-driving alcohol, the defendant's blood-alcohol concentration had still exceeded the limit.

However, it had been held that the presence of the words "as ascertained from a laboratory test" in section 1(1) of the 1967 Act prevented the prosecution from leading such evidence.

The House had pointed out that it was for Parliament, not the courts, to close the loophole through which the hip-flask driver had been able to escape.

Section 1(1) of the 1967 Act had been substantially re-enacted in section 6(1) of the 1972 Act. It had not been until some 10 years after *Rowlands* that specific statutory provision had been made to close that loophole. By virtue of Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, section *6(1) of the 1972 Act now* provided:

"If a person — (a) drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, or (b) is in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place; after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath, blood or urine exceeds the prescribed limit he shall be guilty of an offence."

It would be noted that the words "as ascertained from a laboratory test for which he subsequently provides a specimen under section 3 of this Act" had been excised.

Further, by Schedule 8, a new section 10 of the 1972 Act had been substituted, providing:

"(1) The following provisions apply with respect to proceedings for an offence under section 5 or section 6 of this Act.

"(2) Evidence of the proportion of alcohol or any drug in a specimen of breath, blood or urine provided by the accused shall, in all cases, be taken into account, and it shall be assumed that the proportion of alcohol in the accused's breath, blood or urine at the time of the alleged offence was not less than in the specimen; but if the proceedings are for an offence under section 6 of this Act or for an offence under section 5 of this Act in a case where the accused is alleged to have been unfit through drink, the assumption shall not be made if the accused proves — (a) that he consumed alcohol after he had ceased to drive, attempt to drive or be in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place and before he provided the specimen; and (b) that had he not done so the proportion of alcohol in his breath, blood or urine would not have exceeded the prescribed limit and, if the proceedings are for an offence under section 5 of this Act, would not have been such as to impair his ability to drive properly . . .".

Mr Morris had submitted that all that Parliament had been seeking to achieve by those new provisions was to close the loophole disclosed in *Rowlands* and that they could have no wider effect.

He contended that evidence that was clearly relevant had never*theless to be excluded from the* court's consideration because by statute it had been rendered inadmissible.

He, however, frankly conceded, as he had to, that he could point to no express statutory provision to that effect, nor had he submitted that the House should imply words into either section 6(1) or section 10(2) that made such provision.

His submission, in essence, was that Parliament would have provided expressly for the admissibility of "back-tracking evidence", as it was now conveniently called, if it had intended that such evidence, although undoubtedly relevant, should be considered by the courts.

However, Parliament's intention had to be ascertained by properly construing the terms of the relevant legislation. Although his Lordship was prepared to accept that it might well have been the primary intention of Parliament when enacting those provisions to deal with the problem highlighted in *Rowlands*, it would be quite wrong to interpret the new statutory provisions as continuing to exclude evidence that was relevant to establishing the blood-alcohol concentration at a time when the defendant had been driving.

His Lordship therefore agreed with the conclusion reached by the Divisional Court that those who drove while above the prescribed limit could not necessarily escape punishment because of the lapse of time.

Because back-calculations involved a number of factors, for example, the individual's personal physiology, the amount, if any that he had eaten and the nature of the alcohol that he had drunk, his Lordship would endorse the advice given by the Divisional Court that the prosecution should not seek to rely on evidence of back-calculations save where it was easily understood and clearly established the presence of excess alcohol at the time when the accused had been driving.

The Divisional Court had clearly been right to emphasise that justices had to be very careful, especially where there was conflicting evidence, not to convict unless on the scientific *and other evidence that they* found it safe to rely on they were sure that an excess of alcohol had been in the defendant's body when he had actually been driving as charged.

Lord Bridge, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Cremin Small & Co, Stockwell; Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters.

Referring to meaning of 'reckless'

Regina v Barber

Judges and practitioners considering the meaning of "reckless" in section 1 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971 should make reference to paragraph 19-340 and not to paragraph 17-25 of *Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice* (43rd edition (1988) vol 2). If that were to be done the difficulties of fitting the Road Traffic Act direction into the Criminal Damage Act would not arise.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and Mr Justice Eastham) so stated on December 2, in giving reasons for dismissing the appeal of Paul Richard Barnes against his conviction at St Albans Crown Court (Judge Rodwell, QC, and a jury) on February 19, 1988 for arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered on which he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

No evidence that air rifle was able to be fired

Grace v DPP

Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment November 24]

In the absence of actual evidence that a particular air rifle was both one from which any shot could be fired — or one which could be adapted so as to *fire* a shot — and "*a lethal* barrelled weapon" within the meaning of section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968, a person in possession of it could not be held to be in possession of a firearm for the purposes of that Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing appeals by case stated by Henry Grace against convictions by Ormskirk Justices of trespassing while in possession of a firearm contrary to section 20(2) and being a person who had been sentenced to imprisonment for three years or more was in possession of a firearm contrary to section 21(1). He had been fined a total of £100, sentenced to six weeks imprisonment, suspended for one year and a forfeiture order was made.

Mr Gregory Chambers for Mr Grace; Mr Keith S. Thomas for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that on 30 May 1987 the appellant and his son had been found in possession of an air rifle, which he said he had that day bought, in a motor car on a private road. There was no evidence that it had ever been fired and no ammunition was found.

There had been ample evidence of the trespass, and the justices had rejected a submission that the appellant had no case to answer as to the firearm.

The questions for the court were (a) whether it was open to the justices to convict in the absence of any expert evidence that that air rifle was "a lethal barrelled weapon"; and if so (b) whether it had been open to them to convict on the evidence before them.

Similar definitory words had first been considered in *Read v Donovan* ([1947] KB 326), where the weapon in question had been a signal pistol "capable of killing at short range", "might be fatal up to 20 feet" and was held to be a firearm.

Next, in *Moore v Gooderham* ([1960] 1 WLR 1308) justices had acquitted the defendant of selling a firearm to a boy under 17, the weapon being a Diana *airgun — found to be the least* powerful type obtainable.

They had given effect to the word "lethal" in the definition by holding that the weapon must be of a sort which causes injury of a type from which death would, in the ordinary way, result.

The Divisional Court had reversed them, because on their finding of fact — which included that the point of a dart, discharged a few inches from plywood 5/32nds of an inch thick, would penetrate it — it was quite impossible to deny that that was a weapon which, when misused, was capable of causing an injury from which death might result.

In *R v Thorpe* ([1987] 1 WLR 383) Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, delivering the judgment of the Court of Appeal, had declared there was no warrant for departing from the test there laid down.

Finally, *R v Cafferata* ([1936] 3 All ER 149) and *R v Freeman* ([1970] 1 WLR 788) had established that in order to qualify as a firearm, a weapon did not have an immediate capacity to fire missiles or cause harm likely to result in death: it would be enough if it were proved that it could be made capable of so firing and of causing such harm.

Counsel for the defendant had contended that there had been no evidence before the justices that this air rifle was either (1) in working order, or even capable of being made to work; or (2) *capable of causing injury from* which death might result.

Counsel for the prosecution relied on the fact that the justices had examined the weapon themselves, on the admission that it was newly bought, and on the statement in *Moore v Gooderham* that the airgun there was the least powerful obtainable. This air rifle must (he claimed) be *a fortiori* a firearm and "spoke for itself".

The justices' error lay in their approach to the statutory definition. They should have inquired whether there was any evidence either (1) that a shot could be then fired from it (or that it could be so adapted as to be capable of firing a shot) or (2) that a shot so fired might, when misused, cause injury from which death might result.

Moore v Gooderham could not be treated as authority for saying that *every airgun or air* rifle must be a firearm: it was simply a decision that on the evidence in that case, that airgun was one. In short, there was here no evidence on either (1) or (2).

It did not follow that in such prosecutions expert evidence *was necessary. All that seemed* called for was evidence by someone who had himself seen a shot fired by the weapon and could state its effect. The convictions were quashed.

Lord Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Nyland & Beattie, Widnes; CPS, Preston.

Progressive Pertemps Network can launch Scudamore treble

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Peter Scudamore can take three more strides towards his goal of riding the fastest century under National Hunt rules by landing a treble at Cheltenham today on **Pertemps Network** (12.45), **Enemy Action** (1.45) and **Run And Skip** (2.55).

Martin Pipe, that trainer extraordinaire, has yet to divulge his secret of improving certain horses he gets from other stables. But the fact is he does have the knack and Pertemps Network, who is my nap to win the Bristol Novices Hurdle, is a case in point.

By my reckoning, he is now at least a two-stone better horse than he was last season when trained by Reg Hollinshead, who is himself one of the most able in the profession.

For Hollinshead, Pertemps Network only managed to finish second in humdrum races at Doncaster and Stratford, beaten eight lengths each time.

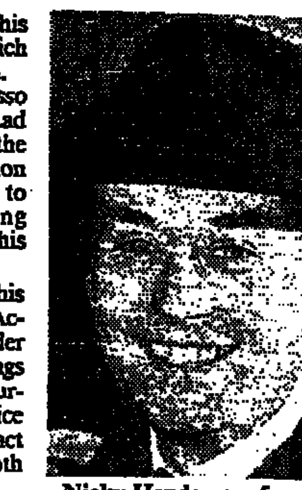
For Pipe, he has won all four races and all by wide margins. Whereas the first three were restricted to novices, as indeed is today's, his last race was a handicap which he turned into a procession.

Useful that both Chiasso Forte and Hawthorn Hill Lad looked when winning on the same afternoon at Wincanton 15 days ago, I find it hard to envisage them beating Pertemps Network on this occasion.

Later in the programme, his stable companion Enemy Action is likely to have a harder task in the Charlton Kings Three Year Old Novices Hurdle if both National Service and Bayrua get their act together. For they were both rated better on the Flat.

Enemy Action, though, has already won over hurdles and what is more he achieved that success by 15 lengths at Haydock where the opposition was anything but inconsequential. In the circumstances, it is not difficult to envisage him leading all the way again.

Run And Skip, who can complete the third leg of Scudamore's treble, is also not averse to making all the running and he taken to win the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Handicap Chase.



Nicky Henderson: fancied for Cheltenham double

At the last meeting on the course he made all to beat The Langholm Dyer, who went in to win next time out, as indeed did Run And Skip.

The most obvious danger is that mercurial character Kildimo. But he will need to be at his very best if he is to give nearly two stone to Run And Skip.

As far as the BMW Series final chase is concerned, I am loath to desert Alone Success having gone for him to beat another old favourite, Bigsun, at Sandown a week ago, and then seen him slip and fall *through no fault of is own* when going well.

Proud Pilgrim, the top weight, has never given the impression that he would be an enviable ride around Cheltenham although he clearly has loads of ability.

If Alone Success succeeds again on the course where he won the Triumph Hurdle two seasons ago, he could easily be the first of two winners for his trainer, Nicky Henderson, because **Inde Pulse** my selection for the Coral Golden Hurdle qualifier, is clearly a better horse now he has his tongue tied down as he demonstrated so ably last time out when bolting home by four lengths at Towcester.

Also, his earlier form with Man On The Line also stands up well under scrutiny.

At Doncaster, doubles for Tom Morgan and Graham Bradley look the order of the day with the former fancied to win on **Es-Port** (1.20) and **Proplus** (3.35), the latter on **Rowlandsons Jewels** (1.55) and **Far Too Rich** (2.30).

SIS makes debut in capital

By Paul Wheeler

The Satellite Information Services (SIS) roadshow made its first tentative appearance in London yesterday at a press launch in preparation for the capital's switch-on next week.

The scene was a betting shop in Lambeth. A Stallion, an independent chain, was chosen to show SIS's independence from the major bookmaking chains, who between them have a 45 per cent share-holding in SIS.

***Nigel Payne, SIS marketing* director, explained: "We want to provide the kind of service which will compete with the Big Four."**

A Stallion's director, Alan Bird, spoke in accord. "We have four shops and can now offer the same service as the multiples," he said.

After London, Manchester and Birmingham will join the network in February, followed by Glasgow and Newcastle in April by *when the service will be* available nationwide, with over 90 per cent of betting offices taking part. Attention will then move to Ireland.

Although racing and greyhounds will form the staple diet of SIS, other sports will be covered. On Monday morning, for example, a recording of tomorrow's Commonwealth middleweight title fight between Nigel Benn and David Noel will be shown.

Hammond heads casualty list after fracturing leg again

Michael Hammond yesterday broke a leg for the second time this year, Simon Sherwood, who has internal injuries, is likely to be out for at least 10 days and Richard Rowe has confirmed he has broken his ankle.

Hammond, stable jockey to George Moore, was schooling for Yorkshire trainer Ernie Weymes on the Middleham gallops yesterday when the horse he was riding out crashed through the wing of a flight of hurdles.

Hammond, who since moving north has established a highly successful partnership with Moore, was found to have fractured his left femur in the fall.

The luckless jockey, aged 26, has only once in seven years stayed clear of injury throughout a season. He broke his right leg in two places and received other injuries in a horrific fall on Rosskova at Sedgefield in April and had his comeback delayed until September 20.

"I haven't spoken to Michael since his accident, so I'm not exactly sure what happened," Moore said. "He was taken to Northallerton General Hospital but is hoping to be transferred to the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle as soon as possible because he has arranged to see Hugh Barber, the orthapaedic surgeon."

At the time of his previous accident, Hammond, with 63 winners, was involved in a battle with Chris Grant and Phil Tuck for the northern jockeys' title. He eventually finished eighth in the country behind Peter Scudamore.

This season, Hammond has enjoyed an impressive strike rate, with 23 victories from 99 rides. This latest injury seems certain to keep him out of the saddle for at least three months.

Oliver Sherwood had news of his younger brother Simon, who suffered a heavy fall from Guessing at Huntingdon on Wednesday.

"Nothing is broken," he said. "But there is some internal bleeding and he's in quite a bit of pain. He went to hospital in Swindon on Wednesday evening and he'll probably stay there until the weekend. I should think he'll be off for at least 10 days." This means that Simon Sherwood will miss the plum ride on Decided at *Cheltenham tomorrow.*

Richard Rowe will be out of action for at least six weeks, after X-rays confirmed that his left ankle is broken.

Rowe fell from Josh Gifford's Staghound in the Crowlands Novices Chase at Huntingdon on Wednesday, but travelled back to his home in Sussex before going to the local hospital at Worthing.

The jockey said: "The X-rays show that one of the bones leading down to my ankle is broken. I haven't seen Dr Michael Allen (the Jockey Club's medical officer) yet, but they think I'll be out for six to 12 weeks.

"Obviously, with the stable horses in such good form, I'm keen to get back as quickly as possible. But Josh has good back-up riders in Peter Hobbs and Eamonn Murphy, so things should carry on pretty well."

Rowe had ridden 21 winners this season before his fall.

Powell shows Taunton touch again with treble

Brendan Powell stole the limelight at Taunton yesterday, landing a memorable 449-1 treble on King Retain, Ace Of Spies and David Elsworth's Wonder Bee.

Powell, maintained his position as leading jockey on the course, took his career total to 201, a figure which includes victories in Scandinavia and Australia.

The Irish-born rider, who has now ridden 22 winners this season, hopes his luck continues through to Cheltenham tomorrow when he has important rides on Pegwell Bay and Floyd.

Friends of the late John Thorne who collected £9,000 to guarantee the race commemorating the Bridgwater trainer for four years, were all delighted when Ace Of Spies outstayed Aughavogue by four lengths in the John Thorne Memorial Handicap Chase.

Winning trainer Gill Jones declared: "This was one race I really wanted to win. John was a very old friend of mine. He was always very thrilled whenever I won with Gambling Prince and I was always delighted when he won with Beau Ranger.

"We enjoyed many parties together and I had to have a go at this race. But Ace Of Spies *didn't like the course at all,* it was much too sharp for him. He loves places like Newbury and Cheltenham."

Powell's start-to-finish victory on King Retain in the first division of the Bicknoller Novice Hurdle brought about another emotional moment. Winning trainer Chris Popham lost his father, Les, on Monday, a stalwart supporter who never missed a Taunton meeting and who always had a small bet on his son's horses.

Chris would have withdrawn his runners until after the funeral next Tuesday, but his father's last wish was that they should all take their chance.

For once the Pipe-Scudamore team were taken on at their own game and beaten, the odds-on Go West could never get to grips with the front-running King Retain, and was thoroughly outstayed by eight lengths.

King Retain, who had drifted from 4-1 to 8-1 in betting, could now go for his treble in a small handicap.

Berry forced to retire on medical advice

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

***Frank Berry, the reigning Irish* champion National Hunt jockey, has decided to retire from the saddle.**

Berry damaged vertebrae at the base of his neck in a fall at Roscommon in April and doctors recommended that he shouldn't ride again.

Berry first came to prominence when as a 7lb training apprentice he rode Giolla Mear to victory in the Irish St Leger. Giolla Mear carried the colours of President De Valera and to this day remains the only presidential classic winner.

Increasing weight forced Berry to switch to jumping soon afterwards and in 1972, he won the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Glencarrig Lady and subsequently achieved five other big-race wins at the Cheltenham Festival.

Always associated with Francis Flood's stable, he became champion jump jockey in Ireland in 1975 and in the intervening years kept a firm grip on the title, winning it for the tenth time last season.

CHELTENHAM

Selections
By Mandarin

12.35 Pertemps Network. 1.10 Tom Caxton. 1.45 Enemy Action. 2.20 Alone Success. 2.55 Run And Skip. 3.30 Inde Pulse.

By Michael Seely
12.35 Chiasso Forte. 2.20 Bigsun. 2.55 *KILDIMO (nap).*

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.35 BRISTOL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,041: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

101 22-1111 PERTEMPS NETWORK 10 (F,G) (Pertemps Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-7 ... P Scudamore ● 99
102 0/4-1 CHIASSO FORTE 15 (G) (D Hale) O Sherwood 5-11-4 ... M Richards 82
103 1 HAWTHORN HILL LAD 15 (G) (C Smith) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-4 ... M Pitman 94
104 55-41 PAMBER PRIORY 38 (G) (D Makins) B Smart 5-11-4 ... K Mooney 76
105 2000-62 BATTLE RUN 23 (BF) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... R Dunwoody 76
106 66-34 CYTHERE 38 (K Carr) J Gifford 4-11-0 ... D McKinley 75
107 0605- EARL SOHAM 227 (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-0 ... E Murphy —
108 LORD MUSTARD (A Parker) J Edwards 5-11-0 ... Mr P Fenton —
109 244-4 PEARL PROSPECT 41 (Mrs V Lewis) A James 5-11-0 ... J Bryan 83
110 0 ROC DE PRINCE 16 (S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 5-11-0 ... G Landau —
111 2-3 SHOW OUT SUNDAY 15 (J Edwards) J Edwards 4-11-0 ... D Tegg —
112 6000 WHAT A FOX 8 (Miss F O'Riordan) J Crowley (Ire) 6-11-0 ... — —
113 29F20- YOOHOO NAN 268 (B Lewis) C Trietline 5-11-0 ... J Shortt 87

BETTING: 7-4 Pertemps Network, 7-2 Chiasso Forte, 9-2 Hawthorn Hill Lad, 6-1 Battle Run, 8-1 Pamber Priory, 10-1 Cythera, 12-1 Show Out Sunday, 14-1 What A Fox, 16-1 Yoohoo Nan, 20-1 others.

1987: MEETING ABANDONED – FROST

FORM PERTEMPS NETWORK completed a four-timer in effortless style when beating Sonny Hill Lad 12l at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, good). On the upgrade and sure to go well.
CHIASSO FORTE is an Irish import who made a winning debut for his new stable when beating True Loop 4l at Wincanton (2m, good).
HAWTHORN HILL LAD ran away with the race on his debut at Wincanton, coming home by 15l from Libilary (2m, good). Has plenty of scope for improvement.
PAMBER PRIORY was a 4l winner at Fontwell from Unique New York (2m 2f, good). Has more to do here.
YOOHOO NAN ran some good races last season, notably when 12l 2nd to Rebel Song in a Warwick listed race (2m 5f, soft). Should be winning in due course.
Selection: PERTEMPS NETWORK

1.10 KINETON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,143: 2m) (6 runners)

201 0-0321F FRED THE TREAD 10 (D,F) (G Greenwood) T Casey 8-12-0 ... P Harley 90
202 511122 CENTRE ATTRACTION 15 (D,F,G,S) (N B Mason Farms Ltd) G Richards 9-11-8 L O'Hara 99
203 1F1345 AKRAM 29 (D,F,G,S) (S Allen) R Hodges 10-10-10 ... A Mulholland 97
204 15P-653 LATIN AMERICAN 23 (B,C,F,G,S) (J Ritchie) T Forster 11-10-9 ... A Rolls 91
205 1100P-1 TOM CAXTON 55 (D,G,S) (M O'Connor) J King 7-10-3 ... I Lawrence ● 99
206 66525U GREY TORNADO 13 (D Short) T Keenor 7-10-0 ... D Skyrme 86

Long handicap: Grey Tornado 8-12.
BETTING: 9-4 Centre Attraction, 3-1 Fred The Tread, 4-1 Tom Caxton, 5-1 Akram, 6-1 Latin American, 16-1 Grey Tornado.

FORM TOM CAXTON runs off the same mark as when beating Baluchi 3l at Bangor (2m, good) with AKRAM (same terms) 1½l further back last of 3.
AKRAM's latest effort was 8½l 5th of 10 to Prize Asset at Wincanton (2m, good to firm).
CENTRE ATTRACTION, three times a winner this term, ran very well on latest start when a neck 2nd to Brother Geoffrey at Haydock (2m 4f, soft).
FRED THE TREAD, an improving novice, put up a good performance to beat Biloxi Blues 6l at Ascot (2m, good to firm). A subsequent faller at the 13th when still well in touch in the race won by Townley Stone at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm). Not without a chance despite top weight.
Selection: TOM CAXTON (nap)

1.45 CHARLTON KINGS NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,057: 2m) (15 runners)

301 1 ENEMY ACTION 15 (S) (N Wellington) M Pipe 11-3 ... P Scudamore ● 99
302 01 GLEN OAK 13 (D,G) (Mrs D Payne) J Roberts 11-3 ... R Dunwoody 68
303 3 ARCTIC BARON 27 (C Raymond) Miss J Thorne 11-0 ... S Keightley 83
304 5 COWORTH PARK 14 (M Gibbon) P Mitchell 11-0 ... D Gallagher —
305 IMPERIAL FLIGHT 39F (M Francis) M Francis 11-0 ... M Richards —
306 630 KING OF THE CLOUDS 3 (BF) (Mrs P Joynes) D Nicholson 11-0 ... 71
307 0F KING WILLIAM 15 (C Pennick) N Callaghan 11-0 ... W Humphreys (4) —
308 1 NAHAR 14 (D,G) (R Cross) S Dow 11-0 ... R Guest 71
309 NATIONAL SERVICE 42F (Maverick Productions) W Hastings-Bass 11-0 S Smith Eccles —
310 2 ROVER 14 (P Abraham) D Elsworth 11-0 ... R Arnott 78
311 40 RUSTIC COMEDY 14 (White Horse Racing) D Elsworth 11-0 ... — —
312 TAJROBA 64F (D Badham) J Jenkins 11-0 ... D Murphy —
313 TRIBAL MASCOT 51F (W Dore) D Gandolfo 11-0 ... M Dwyer —
314 VAYRUA 48F (A Ward) G Harwood 11-0 ... M Perrett —
315 P BEDFORD LASS 14 (C Manwell) N Kernick 10-9 ... M Yeoman —

BETTING: 6-4 Enemy Action, 5-2 Vayrua, 5-1 Rover, 8-1 National Service, 10-1 Tajroba, 12-1 Nahar, Glen Oak, 14-1 Arctic Baron, Imperial Flight, 16-1 others.

FORM ENEMY ACTION was an impressive winner on his hurdling debut, beating Great Sailing 15l at Haydock (2m 4f, soft).
GLEN OAK came from behind to beat Love On The Rocks 2½l at Towcester (2m, good). Faces much stiffer opposition today.
NAHAR ran out a 3l winner from Milford Haven in a run-of-the-mill affair at Leicester (2m, good).
ROVER came up against a useful looking newcomer when 15l 2nd to Samelia Bobkes at Newbury (2m 100yd, good) with RUSTIC COMEDY 9th. Could give the selection most to do.
NATIONAL SERVICE, the winner of a listed race at Baden-Baden on the Flat in September, is an interesting newcomer.
VAYRUA won amateur riders' race at Newmarket in July when trained by Barry Hills. Guy Harwood has excellent recent record with his few hurdlers.
Selection: ENEMY ACTION

2.20 BMW SERIES FINAL (Handicap chase: £10,965: 3m 1f) (10 runners) BBC 2

401 11F4-12 PROUD PILGRIM 11 (BF,G,S) (Lady Blecker) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-0 ... M Dwyer 95
402 43P-11F ALONE SUCCESS 7 (F,G,S) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) N Henderson 6-11-2 ... J White 80
403 23-1121 BIGSUN 7 (C,F,G) (J Horn) D Nicholson 7-11-2 (4ex) ... R Dunwoody 92
404 /0111-0 COOL SUN 8 (S) (L Hamilton) Mrs J Pitman 8-10-7 ... M Pitman 87
405 432-1 GOOD WATERS 13 (G) (L Wilson) S Christian 8-10-2 ... J Osborne ● 99
406 211P-44 POLAR NOMAD 8 (S) (James Stoddart Ltd) W A Stephenson 7-10-1 ... A Merrigan 86
407 415 BORACEVA 13 (F) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 5-10-0 ... J Frost 80
408 P3P1-03 RED COLUMBIA 16 (S) (Mrs J Webster) W Mann 7-10-0 ... J D Doyle 89
409 2113-32 BROXTED SPAR 11 (BF,F) (T Wardle) P Blockley 7-10-0 ... A Webb 85
410 50-4220 OAKGROVE 24 (B Lewis) R Lee 6-10-0 ... B Dowling 50

Long handicap: Boraceva 9-9, Red Columbia 9-7, Broxted Spar 9-4, Oakgrove 8-0.
BETTING: 5-2 Bigsun, 7-2 Alone Success, 9-2 Proud Pilgrim, 6-1 Good Waters, 10-1 Boraceva, 12-1 Polar Nomad, 14-1 Cool Sun, 16-1 Red Columbia, Broxted Spar, 33-1 Oakgrove.

FORM PROUD PILGRIM was driven out to beat Sam Da Vinci 2½l in a Market Rasen handicap on reappearance. Since beaten a head by The Langholm Dyer in similar event at Catterick (3m 1f 80yd, good).
ALONE SUCCESS fell at the 12th when lying 3rd in race won by BIGSUN at Sandown last Friday. Reopposes on same terms here. Won novice chase at Stratford (2m 6f, good) on reappearance and followed up with easy 8l defeat of Bruni Baby in a Kempton match (3m, firm).
BIGSUN picks up a 4lb penalty for latest win at Sandown (3m 118yd, good), where ALONE SUCCESS fell. Ran sound race when ¾l 2nd to useful Slalom at Haydock (3m, good to soft). A sound jumper who will take all the beating.
COOL SUN completed a treble in novice events last term when beating GOOD WATERS (1lb better off) 3l at Chepstow (3m, good to soft). Was not disgraced when 16l 7th to Mr Gossip in competitive Chepstow hurdle (3m, soft) on reappearance and will strip fitter today.
GOOD WATERS beat Envopak Token 3l, the pair clear, on Towcester seasonal bow (2m 5f 110yd, good). Stays well and should run creditably off this mark.
Selection: BIGSUN

2.55 FOOD BROKERS FERRERO ROCHER CHASE (Handicap: £7,830: 3m 1f) (6 runners) BBC 2

501 01022-P KILDIMO 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Balding 8-12-3 ... J Frost 96
502 1331-F2 VILLIERSTOWN 5 (C,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-10-13 ... A Merrigan 93
503 F5-F411 RUN AND SKIP 15 (CD,F,S) (W Marzouk) J Spearing 10-10-5 ... P Scudamore ● 99
504 062P-45 BUCKO 13 (B,G,S) (J McManus) Jimmy FitzGerald 11-10-4 ... M Dwyer 96
505 3F22-60 GALA'S IMAGE 13 (C,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-0 R Dunwoody 98
506 P1-03U5 KNOCK HILL 7 (C,G,S) (Peter S Thompson) J Webber 12-10-0 ... G Mernagh 94

Long handicap: Knock Hill 9-12.
BETTING: 5-2 Villierstown, 3-1 Run And Skip, 7-2 Kildimo, 5-1 Bucko, 8-1 Gala's Image, 12-1 Knock Hill.

FORM KILDIMO was pulled up after being hampered in the Hennessy at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd, good) on seasonal debut. Conqueror of Desert Orchid (levels) by 1½l at *Wincanton (3m 1f, good) last term.*
VILLIERSTOWN fell on Market Rasen reappearance before finishing 6l 2nd to Karenomore at Wetherby *(2m 4f 110yd, soft) last time.*
RUN AND SKIP beat The Langholm Dyer 2l on this course (3m 4f, good to firm) last month and followed up with 2½l defeat of Little Polveir at Haydock (3m 4f, soft). Faces tougher opposition today.
BUCKO finished 2nd over course and distance to *Aquilifer last season.* Most recently was 45l 6th to Strands Of Gold in the Hennessy at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd, good) with GALA'S IMAGE (now 2lb better off) 2½l back in 7th. There should again be little between the pair.
Selection: KILDIMO

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE QUALIFIER (Handicap: £3,246: 3m) (25 runners) BBC 2

601 14F/P-P SCARLET RUNNER 41 (S) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 6-11-10 ... K Mooney —
602 111-212 STAG DINNER 21 (D,BF,F) (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 5-11-4 ... P Scudamore 91
603 62F4-15 IT'S A PRY 11 (G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 7-11-2 ... M Richards 88
604 211-6 PUBLIC PRAISE 6 (S) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-11-2 R Marley 83
605 822-231 INDE PULSE 13 (G) (R McAlpine) N Henderson 6-11-1 ... J Osborne 84
606 0-00211 SOONER STILL 20 (F,S) (J Smith) J Edwards 4-11-0 ... Mr P Fenton 93
607 1120-30 SNOWFIRE CHAP 15 (D,G,S) (J Pickles Ltd) H Wharton 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer 96
608 13543-6 GARRISON SAVANNAH 6 (S) (Autofour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-12 ... M Pitman 82
609 2151-2 NECOCHEA 51 (G,S) (Mrs L Hannen) N Gaselee 4-10-12 ... S Smith Eccles 92
610 F30-414 SIR CRUSTY 21 (C,F,G) (M Ash) R Holder 6-10-12 ... A Dicks 93
611 6-21F25 KAMADOOR 7 (F) (D Harvie) G Balding 5-10-11 ... J Frost 81
612 2313-64 DUDLEY'S STAR 41 (S) (Miss D Key) B Key 6-10-11 ... Miss D Key (7) 89
613 40FPF/F LARRY'S PEACH 35 (D,G,S) (M Lawton) J Crowley (Ire) 9-10-10 ... — —
614 1360-14 FINAL ALMA 23 (BF,F,S) (Mrs P Isaacs) P Mitchell 5-10-9 ... M Perrett 91
615 02440-0 MASTER CONE 15 (S) (M Reid) K White 11-10-8 ... P Dever 96
616 3/1F2- TRUSTY FRIEND 230 (S) (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 6-10-7 ... D Tegg 84
617 403030- POLISH 248 (S) (R Brookhouse) R Dickin 10-10-6 ... M Jones (7) ● 99
618 04-2326 THE HILL 25 (BF,G) (J Massy-Collier) B Smart 6-10-2 ... R Dunwoody 88
619 530342- BONNE ARME 260 (D,S) (Miss J Gibson) O O'Neill 7-10-1 ... 87
620 6121/0-0 ROGERS PRINCESS 11 (F,G) (R Smith) M Tate 6-10-0 ... S Keightley —
621 F4023F/ TULLA HILLS 934 (I Thomas) B Vann 9-10-0 ... A Webb —
622 0000/00- WHISKY GO GO 325 (S) (F Hamer) Miss R Hamer 12-10-0 ... Miss S Baxter —
623 22-4400 GOLDEN BAVARD 29 (C Trietline) C Trietline 7-10-0 ... J Shortt 74
624 3060/55- KARAKTER REFERENCE 486 (Winterbourne Ltd) L Corbett 6-10-0 ... I Lawrence (7) —
625 000-00 MERYETT 20 (M Nelmes-Crocker) Mrs S Armytage 4-10-0 ... Gee Armytage —

Long handicap: Rogers Princess 9-6, Tulla Hills 8-12, Whisky Go Go 8-9, Golden Bavard 8-9, Karakter Reference 8-6, Meryett 8-3.
BETTING: 6-1 Sooner Still, 7-1 Stag Dinner, 8-1 Inde Pulse, 10-1 Garrison Savannah, Public Praise, 12-1 Dudley's Star, Necochea, 14-1 Sir Crusty, Kamadoor, 16-1 The Hill, Larry's Peach, 20-1 others.

FORM SOONER STILL, looking for a handicap treble, beat Peter Martin a head at Catterick (3m 300yd, good to firm) last time.
NECOCHEA won juvenile hurdles over 2m 4f at Wolverhampton and Kempton last season and finished strongly on reappearance here when 1½l 2nd to Ever Hopeful (3m 1f, good to firm).
SIR CRUSTY won a valuable event here last month beating Hotplate 4l (3m 1f, good to firm). Finished over 12l adrift of STAG DINNER (same terms) when 4th to Royal Craftsman last time at Ascot (3m, good to firm). STAG DINNER should confirm that form.
FINAL ALMA won on seasonal debut at Plumpton (2m 4f, firm) but proved no match for Admirals All when 9½l 4th at Kempton next time (2m 4f, good to firm).
INDE PULSE finished neck 2nd to Man On The Line (winner since) here in October (2m 4f, good to firm) with THE HILL (now 13lb better off) 4l back in 4th. Has since won a novice event at Towcester, beating My Pilot 4l (2m 5f 28yd, good).
Selection: NECOCHEA

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Jenkins	11	50	22.0
F Walwyn	15	76	19.7
O Sherwood	12	63	19.0
N Gaselee	9	48	18.8
S Mellor	9	48	18.8
S Christian	6	33	18.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	34	189	18.0
S Smith Eccles	18	101	17.8
R Guest	4	23	17.4
K Mooney	10	69	14.5
J Bryan	3	21	14.3
M Perrett	5	37	13.5

DONCASTER

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Trafalgar Blue. 1.20 Es-port. 1.55 Rowlandsons Jewels. 2.30 Far Too Rich. 3.05 Spritebrand. 3.35 Proplus.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 ES-PORT.

Going: firm (chase course); good to firm (hurdles)

12.45 LOTTERY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,632: 2m 150yd) (4 runners)

1 F34-523 STARJESTIC 11 (BF,D,F,G,S) (M Mitchell) N Bradley 10-12-5 ... A Charlton 97
2 560U21 TRAFALGAR BLUE 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Lynam) C Beever 8-12-4 (6ex) ... C Dennis 97
3 F20-4FP DANTES TREE 15 (S) (W Tree) Roy Robinson 9-10-5 ... T P White (3) ● 99
4 F53252 NONSTOP 13 (D,F) (Calke Abbey Racing Plc) P O'Connor 9-10-0 ... S Turner 98

BETTING: 5-4 Trafalgar Blue, 13-8 Starjestic, 7-2 Nonstop, 16-1 Dantes Tree.
1987: BERMUDA'S GLEN 9-10-6 R Marley (11-4) J Blundell 5 ran

1.20 SAUCY KIT NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,469: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 1 ES-PORT 22 (F) (R Lawton) J Edwards 10-12 ... T Morgan ● 99
2 3004 ALDRA BOND 11 (V) (M Johnson) G Moore 10-7 ... L Wyer 84
3 46 MERRYDALE FARM 16 (Geoffrey Kenyon) J Wilson 10-7 ... R Crank 75
4 POSSIBLE AMBITION 458F (Mrs A Keane) J Blundell 10-7 ... M Brennan —
5 SHINING ART 184F (Champ Chicken Co Ltd) D McCain 10-7 ... N Doughty —
6 WILLIE-RUN 53F (T Hornett) R Williams 10-7 ... G McCourt —
7 GOLDEN SAMPHIRE 53F (R White) M Chapman 10-2 ... J A Harris —
8 LETTERESSIE 102F (E Vasley) G Pritchard-Gordon 10-2 ... B de Haan —
9 06 TRAUMATIC LAURA 9 (Mrs S Newbould) B Wilkinson 10-2 ... A Orkney —

BETTING: 11-8 Es-Port, 5-2 Letteressie, 4-1 Aldra Bond, 8-1 Merrydale Farm, 10-1 Willie Run, 12-1 Possible Ambition, 14-1 others.
1987: PHIL'S PRIDE 3-10-7 J A Harris (8-1) A Smith 9 ran

1.55 MERRYMAN II NOVICES CHASE (£1,657: 3m 122yd) (6 runners)

1 30P-1FF ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 45 (BF,D,F,G,S) (Rowlandsons) D M-Smith 7-11-3 .. G Bradley ● 99
2 BP/ GHOSTBUSTER 641 (Mrs C Feather) Mrs E Heath 8-10-12 ... Mr P Harding Jones (4) —
3 5/4443-6 WATER CANNON 27 (D,V,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-10-12 ... C Hawkins —
4 PP-0P2U CROGHAN STAR 28 (Mrs E Adair) J Dooler 7-10-7 ... A Orkney 95
5 0/0542-F DIM DRUMS 10 (I Blair) I Blair 9-10-7 ... A Charlton (4) 92
6 634/040 PADYKIN 7 (F,G) (Stan Freeman) M Chapman 8-10-7 ... J A Harris 83

BETTING: 4-6 Rowlandsons Jewels, 9-2 Water Cannon, 7-1 Croghan Star, 10-1 Ghostbusters, 14-1 Dim Drums, 20-1 Padykin.
1987: BORDER RAMBLER 7-11-3 P Tuck (7-4 fav) G Richards 12 ran

2.30 SEA PIGEON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,210: 2m 150yd) (11 runners)

1 F11-101 AUSTHORPE SUNSET 34 (D,F,G,S) (A Walker) H Wharton 4-11-10 ... P Harte (4) 92
2 3010-21 TINAS LAD 20 (D,F,G) (Geoffrey Johnson) J Edwards 5-11-8 ... T Morgan 90
3 2111-13 FIEFDOM 6 (D,F,G,S) (C Clark) W Storey 8-11-8 ... K Doolan 94
4 0/11113- FOOT PATROL 100F (D,F,S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 7-11-4 ... G McCourt 90
5 1/2111/ LAST GRAIN 664 (D,G,S) (Lightbody of Hamilton Ltd) J S Wilson 6-11-4 ... N Doughty —
6 1115-0F MIZAJ 16 (D,G,S) (W Marshall) G Moore 4-11-3 ... L Wyer 90
7 1210- FAR TOO RICH 245 (D,S) (Mrs J Seymour) Mrs D Haine 4-10-12 ... G Bradley ● 99
8 61145-0 CREEAGER 10 (D,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 6-10-11 ... S J O'Neill 91
9 041100- HIGH RIVER 233 (D,G,S) (F Lees) B Morgan 6-10-8 ... D Shaw 90
10 011/ LONTANO 571 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 5-10-1 ... C Hawkins —
11 41643-0 PHILS PRIDE 6 (C,G) (A Bayman) A Smith 4-10-1 ... J A Harris 85

BETTING: 3-1 Austhorpe Sunset, 4 Fiefdom, 5-1 Far Too Rich, 11-2 Foot Patrol, 6-1 Mizaj, 7-1 Tina's Lad, 12-1 Creeager, Last Grain, 16-1 others.
1987: MERRY JUNIOR 4-9-11 D Burchell (8-11 fav) E H Owen 4 ran

3.05 RED ALLIGATOR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,132: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 112211 JODY'S BOY 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 7-11-13 (4ex) ... Mr S Swiers 91
2 2PF-21F BRIGHT INTERVALS 15 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 6-11-10 ... B de Haan 93
3 2444P3 SHARP SONG 11 (C,F,G) (J Latham) T Fairhurst 7-11-7 ... J O'Gorman (7) 96
4 8-21F11 SPRITEBRAND 36 (D,F,G) (P Sullivan) M H Easterby 8-11-5 ... L Wyer ● 99
5 3134P1 BATTLEFIELD BAND 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Eddell) J Blundell 11-11-4 ... M Brennan 92

BETTING: 15-8 Spritebrand, 9-4 Joint Sovereignty, 5-2 Jody's Boy, 7-1 Battlefield Band, 16-1 Sharp Song.
1987: TRAVELOWEN 10-11-7 C Grant (7-1) W A Stephenson 6 ran

3.35 DOORNOCKER NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 3m 122yd) (10 runners)

1 0/050-1 PROPLUS 27 (F) (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 8-11-4 ... T Morgan ● 99
2 33-016 ALCATRAZ 21 (D,F) (P Garner) J Ringer 4-11-1 ... G McCourt 95
3 223-211 MISS CLUB ROYAL 49 (D,G) (J Halewood) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-13 ... G McCourt 95
4 46-2030 DARK EMPEROR 13 (I Sykes) P Liddle 7-10-12 ... L Wyer 97
5 FP0 KNOCKAN BOY 6 (J Hutton) C Beever 8-10-12 ... C Dennis (7) —
6 5 LEON 7 (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 6-10-12 ... Gar Lyons (4) 91
7 p- WELSH GUARD 405 (Mrs J Thompson) Ronald Thompson 6-10-12 ... M Pepper —
8 21-6 SMITHONIAN 20 (S) (G Smyth) Mrs G Reveley 4-10-9 ... P Niven —
9 00-006 SMITHS LUCK 8 (A Smith) J Jefferson 4-10-9 ... G Bradley 89
10 000-60 GAY MOVER 88 (Mrs S Dooler) J Dooler 6-10-7 ... S Turner (4) —

BETTING: 5-2 Miss Club Royal, 4-1 Smithonian, 9-2 Proplus, 5-1 Alcatraz, 8-1 Dark Emperor, 10-1 Leon, 12-1 others.
1987: TARTAN TRADEMARK 5-11-4 P Tuck (7-4 fav) G Richards 18 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Wharton	5	16	31.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	36	22.2
Mrs G Reveley	3	17	17.6

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Doughty	3	13	23.1
P Niven	3	29	10.3

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By Mandarin

12.45 Gulburn's Nephew. 1.5 Hope Cove. 1.45 Gunner Stream. 2.15 Delkusha. 2.45 Godfather's Gift. *3.15 Cantorial.*

Going: soft

12.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE RACE (£1,436: 2m 1f) (18 runners)

1 ABBOTSBURY ABBOT Lord Head 6-11-0 ... M Bowlby
2 0 BUSREV 34 L Cottrell 4-11-0 ... R Millman
3 000- CATIVO 300 M Pipe 5-11-0 ... J Lower
4 3-6 COWDEN COTTAGE 34 Dr D Chesney 4-11-0 S McNeill
5 0-04 FRIDAY CLUB 21 I Wardle 4-11-0 ... —
6 0/0 GODIVA BEARINGS 7 J Fox 6-11-0 ... S Moore
7 2 GULBURN'S NEPHEW 13 P Hobbs 6-11-0.. Peter Hobbs
8 P- JACK THE HIKER 277 J Baker 5-11-0 ... M Williams
9 0 KERICHO 15 Mrs J Retter 4-11-0 ... A Jones
10 1/ MONKSCOMBE 559 (F) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ... P McCallion (7)
11 MOUNTAIN RUN D Elsworth 4-11-0 ... B Powell
12 PEA SAL M Oliver 5-11-0 ... J Railton (7)
13 0 POP SONG 31 G Ham 4-11-0 ... S Mackey (7)
14 00P- ROSELAND BOY 251 D Barons 5-11-0 ... N Hawke (4)
15 1 SALCOMBE HARBOUR 15 (G) D Barons 4-11-0 ... P Nicholls
16 0 THE SKIRRID 29 S Davis 6-11-0 ... Mr P Hamer
17 NEVER SATISFIED P Leach 4-10-9 ... C Cox
18 -233 QUEEN'S ANTHEM 7 R Dickin 5-10-9 ... M Jones

9-4 Gulsburn's Nephew, 4-1 Monkscombe, Mountain Run, 9-2 Salcombe Harbour, 8-1 Queen's Anthem, 10-1 others.

1.15 EXMOUTH MARES ONLY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,060: 2m 1f) (10)

1 2P0- MEARLIN 246 (CD,G,S) J Old 9-11-13 ... P Davies
2 0224 DONNA FARINA 14 (S) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-7 ... W Hayes
3 -006 GAY CRISELLE 13 (S) P Hobbs 5-11-3 ... D Hood
4 5-33 HOPE COVE 48 (CD,F,S) D Barons 8-11-1 ... N Hawke
5 00-4 CORBALLY BESS 18 (S) Miss L Bower 8-10-10 ... M Bellisario
6 BPP- LUCKY LOUISE 254 M Oliver 8-10-8 ... J Railton
7 -043 NARCONE 36 W Kemp 7-10-5 ... S McKeever
8 003F MISHY'S STAR 10 J Fone 6-10-0 ... W McFarland
9 6-00 RUSTICA SILK 22 J King 7-10-0 ... T Berry
10 00-3 NEARLY MEDINA 10 R Hodges 6-10-0 ... W Irvine

5-2 Nearly Medina, 4-1 Donna Farina, 5-1 Mishy's Star, Narcone, 15-2 Hope Cove, 8-1 Gay Criselle, 10-1 Rustica Silk.

1.45 BEARES OF CHUDLEIGH & STOKE CANON HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,188: 2m 1f) (12)

1 05-0 GOODWYNS LAD 23 (S) A Barrow 12-5 ... B Powell
2 -213 GUNNER STREAM 16 (G) R Holder 11-5 ... N Coleman
3 1P- TREWITHIEN 197 (D,F) D Barons 11-2 ... P Nicholls
4 0405 GIFTED NEPHEW 22 (CD,G) N Mitchell 10-7 ... Mr A Tory (7)
5 0-2PPONDERED BID 6 (B) I Wardle 10-4 M Williams
6 0-0F WHAT'S A GUINEA 13 (D,G,S) S Davis 10-3 ... Peter Hobbs
7 -040 RAGTIME SOLO 13 (B,D,S) R Hodges 10-0 W Irvine (4)
8 41- CULINARY 407 (S) R Howells 10-0 ... S Cowley
9 00-4 DONOSTI 18 Miss L Bower 10-0 ... R Rowell
10 5320 FOURTH PROTOCOL 36 F Hollis 10-0 ... R Millman
11 P0-0 SOLENT KNIGHT 15 R Robinson 10-0 ... S McNeill
12 0661 BABY COME HOME 18 (G) Mrs A Knight 10-0 ... George Knight

100-30 Pondered Bid, 7-2 Gifted Nephew, 4-1 Fourth Protocol, 6-1 Culinary, 13-2 Trewithien, 8-1 Baby Come Home.

2.15 BUZZARD NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £618: 2m 1f) (15)

1 BACK TO FORM 156F Miss S Waterman 10-7 ... S Waterman
2 DARING COMEDY 64F B Forsey 10-7 ... N Coleman
3 EYEOPENER 410F B Palling 10-7 ... C Evans
4 4056 FLY CONCORDE 15 R Juckes 10-7 ... A Juckes (7)
5 6R KING'S FALCON 11 (B) W Kemp 10-7.. S McKeever (7)
6 6 LOVER'S SECRET 118 D Tucker 10-7 ... S McNeill
7 MAYFAIR MOSS 167F Mrs H Fullerton 10-7 .. R Dennis
8 F00 MR MURDOCK 7 J Fox 10-7 ... —
9 ROYAL LIFE LINE A Barrow 10-7 ... B Powell
10 SOLENT SUN 64F B Stevens 10-7 ... S Moore
11 6 CAMPING OUT 14 R Head 10-2 ... M Head (7)
12 DELKUSHA 59F M Pipe 10-2 ... J Lower
13 DUSKY NANCY 53F R Brotherton 10-2 ... Mr G Hanmer
14 025F EMMA'S TREASURE 50 Mrs A Knight 10-2 ... George Knight
15 LA MARQUESA 96F F Hollis 10-2 ... R Millman

1-2 Delkusha, 4-1 Emma's Treasure, 6-1 Fly Concorde, 10-1 Solent Sun, 14-1 Lover's Secret, 16-1 others.

2.45 BRADNICH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,494: 3m 1f) (8)

1 043- CLAUDE MONET 356 (D,S) D Gandolfo 10-12-6 ... S McNeill
2 1U4- WOODGATE 279 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-7 ... L Harvey
3 3515 CO MEMBER 15 (D,F,G,S) T Forster 12-11-3 .. H Davies
4 1412 GODFATHER'S GIFT 13 (BF,C,F) G Ham 6-10-4 ... B Powell
5 05-F BALITO 7 (G) D Barons 7-10-1 ... P Nicholls
6 1/4/4 NON-SMOKER 10 (F) M Pipe 7-10-0 ... R Millman
7 -U53 PELION 22 (G,S) J King 8-10-0 ... J Railton (7)
8 642- GRETTA'S LEGACY 372 (B) J Old 8-10-0.. Peter Hobbs

15-8 Non-Smoker, 100-30 Co Member, 9-2 Woodgate, 6-1 Godfather's Gift, 8-1 Pelion, 12-1 Claude Monet, 14-1 others.

3.15 SPARROW HAWK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£710: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 /006- DRUM SHAN BO 345 M Oliver 8-12-0 ... J Railton (7)
2 P2F5 LAPIAFFE 18 R Hodges 4-11-10 ... W Irvine (4)
3 6032 CANTORIAL 22 C Popham 7-11-5 ... B Powell
4 3346 TROJAN SONG 59 F Gorman 4-11-3 ... D Morris
5 5330/ CORSTON SPRINGS 779 D Tucker 6-11-1 ... S McNeill
6 643- THE QUIETSTAN 235 N Mitchell 5-11-0 ... N Coleman
7 54-4 NOBLE SPLASH 20 Andrew Turnell 4-10-13 ... D Mustow (7)
8 045/ INDIAN PONY 594 B Stevens 9-10-12 ... S Moore
9 4002 WATERSMEET DOWN 22 P Hobbs 5-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
10 099/ UNA DONNA 588 N Gaselee 5-10-10 ... R Boucher (7)
11 P-FP SAN OVAC 13 (B) C Brooks 5-10-10 ... R Teague (7)
12 00-5 SHEER ELATION 15 G Balding 4-10-9 ... R Guest
13 0-40 MR MOSS 36 H O'Neill 5-10-9 ... J D Davies
14 -003 BOLT HEAD 7 D Barons 5-10-8 ... N Hawke (4)
15 PF-0 BECTIVE BOY 18 (D,F) Miss L Bower 5-10-6 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (7)
16 0/06P GRAND CELEBRATION 108 P Dunstan 5-10-4 ... R Millman
17 P-FP INDIAN SUNRISE 23 J Payne 7-10-4 ... —

7-2 Watersmeet Down, 4-1 Cantorial, 5-1 Bolt Head, 6-1 Noble Splash, Sheer Elation, 8-1 Lapiaffe, 10-1 Una Donna.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Elsworth, 19 winners from 65 runners, 29.2%; M Pipe, 51 from 213, 23.9%; G Ham, 9 from 44, 22.7%; G Balding, 14 from 83, 16.9%; T Forster, 6 from 39, 15.4%; P Hobbs, 11 from 77, 14.3%.
JOCKEYS: M Bowlby, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; J Lower, 9 from 46, 19.6%; N Hawke, 3 from 17, 17.6%; B Powell, 31 from 188, 16.5%; R Guest, 7 from 45, 15.6%; H Davies, 10 from 90, 11.1%.

Taunton results

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, KING RETAIN (B Powell, 8-1); 2, Go West (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 3, Millpond Boy (W Irvine, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Libilary, 10 Abbotts View, 33 Cinderella Derek, 50 Picador, Stephens Pet (4th), Jealous Lover, 100 Barry Docks (6th), Calamity Joe (5th), Del Boy (pu), Poaching Pocket (pu), Shannagary. 14 ran. 8l, 3l, 25l, 7l, 10l. C Popham at Taunton. Tote: £15.10; £1.80, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £7.10. CSF: £13.00.

1.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, LADY WESTOWN (E Murphy, 2-1 fav); 2, Lurex Girl (S McNeill, 17-2); 3, Winnies Luck (J D Doyle, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 San Francisco Joe (5th), 6-2 Moorland Nell, 8 African Opera (4th), 10 Mahits (pu), 16 Miscellany (6th), 20 Nicholas Gold, Seek To Win (pu), 33 Devon Dawn (pu). 11 ran. NR: Blandell Beauty. 2½l, 8l, 2½l, 8l, 4l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £6.00; £2.50, £1.90, £2.40. DF: £13.40. CSF: £20.52. Bought in for 1,800gns.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, ACE OF SPIES (B Powell, 9-1); 2, Aughavogue (T Morgan, 13-8 jt fav); 3, Bright Morning (R Millman, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 jt fav Targogan's Best (pu), 11-2 Broadheath (4th). 5 ran. 4l, 10l, 20l. Mrs G Jones at Upton-On-Severn. Tote: £8.40; £2.50, £1.30. DF: £9.80. CSF: £22.05.

2.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, SMARTIE EXPRESS (W Irvine, 12-1); 2, Record Dancer (R Boucher, 8-1); 3, Military Band (P Holley, 33-1); 4, Master Bam (J Frost, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Gwennap, 7 Providence Lodge, 9 Stormy Monarch (6th), 11 Inner Voice, 14 Arbitrage, 16 Le Carotte, Danny's Luck, 20 Beech Grove, Kutati's Belle (pu), 33 Meziara (5th), Mzima Spring, 50 Pappa's Gold (pu). 16 ran. ¾l, 3l, nk, 1½l, 8l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £15.20; £2.50, £1.80, £9.50, £2.30. DF: £48.70. CSF: £83.53. Tricast: £2,171.72.

2.45 (2m 150yd ch) 1, WONDER BEE (B Powell, 4-1); 2, Swing To Steel (P Scudamore, 8-1); 3, Thar-An-Barr (P Harley, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Alaoui (5th), 10 The Leggett (6th), 12 Wild Geese, 14 Nicoghan (4th), 20 Mandraki Shuffle (pu), 25 En Gounasi Theon, Saints Alive, 66 Master Martin (f), Riversfield Park, Idson Lass, Master Pepper (pu). 14 ran. 1½l, 4l, 2½l, 5l, 1½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £3.10, £2.30. DF: £10.40. CSF: £34.13. Tricast: £112.09.

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, SUNWOOD (P Scudamore, 6-5 fav); 2, Setter Country (W Irvine, 11-4); 3, Senor Tomas (C Cox, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 14 Jackson Warrior (4th), 16 Vintage Lad, South Pool (5th), Lullaby Baby, 25 Portlemouth, 33 *Monanaigue Lady (pu), 50 Puppet Show* (6th), *Walkstar, Mabuhay, Rough Guide.* 13 ran. NR: Idleigh's High. 8l, 4l, 30l, 4l, 1½l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £4.20. CSF: £5.62.

Placepot: £90.50.

Mandarin (Michael Phillips) selected the first five Uttoxeter winners yesterday at accumulative odds of 885-1.

Uttoxeter

Going: soft (heavy patches)

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, OLYMPIC TIMES (D Dutton, 11-4); 2, Rubika (G Landau, 33-1); 3, Vague Shot (K Burke, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Against All Odds, 8 Imperial Bolt (4th), 15 Cornetti Star, Trecaukdah (5th), 33 Oxymeron (6th), Palace Song, Plastic Surgeon (pu), 50 Beetee You, High Aloft, Taranga, Bel-De-Jole (f), Lineout Lady, Spanish Infanta (pu). 16 ran. 2½l, 10l, sh hd, 10l, 2½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £6.70, £1.60. DF: £60.40. CSF: £78.96.

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, ANDREA'S PRIDE (A Juckes, 4-1); 2, Sara Lana (M Ayliffe, 4-1); 3, Evelyn Rose (R Dunwoody, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 85-40 fav Rayon Vert (pu), 6 Penny Lover (4th), 12 L'Hirondelle, Lanama Girl, 16 River Mal, Soho Sue, 20 Come On Oyston (pu), The Batchlor (5th), 33 Rasha (pu), Lady Albron (6th), Mr Kewmill (pu), Celtickerry (pu). 15 ran. 2l, 10l, 10l, 3l, 30l. R Juckes at Abberley. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £8.90, £1.80. DF: £58.50. CSF: £23.59. Tricast: £96.48. Bought in 2,800gns.

1.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, ZETA'S LAD (Mr T Costello, 4-1); 2, Lord Murphy (N Coleman, 9-2); 3, Compton Park (S Smith Eccles, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Celtic Bard (f), 9 I'm A Dealer (pu), 10 New Farmer (f), 11 Rath Wonder (pu), 16 Sportsnews (4th), 33 Ballybeggar (pu), Tartan Twilight (6th), Tom's Whatsisname (f), Wee Bertie Piper (pu), Spartan Native (5th). 13 ran. 2l, 15l, 2½l, dist, dist. J Costello at Adstone. Tote: £5.40; £2.50, £2.00, £1.20. DF: £36.10. CSF: £21.05.

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SKIDAM (N Coleman, 9-2); 2, Shaston (H Davies, 20-1); 3, Lasbet (R Vaughan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Look Lively (4th), 7-2 Torkabar (6th), 6 Proud Patriot (pu), 12 Senojoj, 16 Lypheoric (5th), 20 Lysways, 25 Clanwilliam Prince, Matlub, Saddique (pu), 33 Martinsmoon (pu), 50 Debonair (pu), Dreaming Star (pu), Avamint (pu). 16 ran. 8l, 8l, nk, 6l, 15l. R Holder at Bristol. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £7.00, £7.60. DF: £91.30. CSF: £92.83.

2.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, WYFORD (Mr T Grantham, 11-10 fav); 2, Cross Master (Mr C Farrell, 85-40); 3, O K Son (Mrs J Gault, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Conclusive (ur). 4 ran. *4l, dist.* T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.46.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, AUNTIE DOT (G Mernagh, 4-1); 2, Fleney Sark (D Tegg, 11-4); 3, Coughlans Run (H Davies, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Grey General (4th), 8 Golden Redeemer (5th), 12 Pan Arctic (pu), 50 Incense (f), 100 Chase The Clouds (bd). 8 ran. 1½l, 20l, 15l, dist. J Webber at Banbury. Tote: £4.60; £1.10, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £9.40. CSF: £14.58. Tricast: £26.83.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, CHARLIE DICKINS (R Dunwoody, 13-2); 2, Persian Splendour (M Brennan, 100-30); 3, Elegant Isle (J Lower, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Mubdi, 11-2 Hotel Lotti (5th), Golden Display (6th), 12 Taxi Lad (4th). 7 ran. 7l, 3l, 10l, 7l, dist. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £6.40; £3.30, £3.50. DF: £5.70. CSF: £26.78.

Placepot: £89.60

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RUGBY UNION

Australian referee is given charge of four home unions

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Kerry Fitzgerald, the Brisbane bank official who refereed the World Cup final last year in Auckland, is Australia's appointment this season to the two five nations' championship matches regularly offered to the southern hemisphere.

He will handle Scotland v Ireland on March 4 and Wales v England on March 18, the first time a visitor from the southern hemisphere has dealt with all four home unions on the same trip.

It is not Fitzgerald's first visit to the five nations; he refereed Ireland twice in 1985, against France and Wales. In the World Cup he handled England's game against the United States and encountered Wales twice, against Ireland in Wellington and in their semi-final in Brisbane, against New Zealand, when he dismissed Richards, the Neath lock, for punching.

As well as Australia, France, Ireland and Scotland have been awarded two refereeing appointments in the championship, with England and Wales receiving one each. Both England and Wales have new appointments on their panel, Ian Bullerwell for England and Les Peard, the Castleton official, who joins Clive Norling and Derek Bevan on the Welsh panel.

Which of that trio will handle the Welsh appointment, Ireland v England on February 18, remains to be seen, and may depend on the importance which attaches to the match.

It has been the Welsh habit not to name officials in November for matches which may take place four months later and their panel is reviewed monthly, which offers them the chance to change a referee if his form appeares to have declined, which treats officials in exactly the same way as players.

Even so, it does seem unfortunate that the system may exclude a referee such as Norling from handling any of the home internationals. For example, the championship will be far from decided when Ireland play England and the Welsh, appointing a month in advance, may well feel that Peard, their newcomer, should earn his spurs.

Ireland have so far only named two officials to their panel this season, Owen Doyle (Leinster) and Steven Hilditch (Ulster), and may not make a third appointment. Last season's third man, Brian Stirling, has been injured and is not expected to be fit for the international season.

It has long been the contention of the professional staff of the various unions that countries should not make appointments simply for the sake of doing so. It is felt that if, at any given time, a country feels it has no more than one or two officials of genuine international calibre then they should nominate only those.

So far Ireland have named Hilditch for England's match with France (March 4) and Doyle for France v Scotland (March 18). Since it has become the custom for the same country to provide two touch judges as well, presumably the five nations will agree a third official to run the line should Ireland remain with their two appointments.

Norling, who refereed the game last month in Bucharest between Romania and France, is due to discuss refereeing interpretations in Cardiff today with the Romanian squad preparing for the international against Wales tomorrow, for which a crowd of about 20,000 is expected.

SKIING: CONDITIONS FAVOUR START TO DOWNHILL EVENT AFTER LONG DELAY

Setting a white-hot pace: Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, who has already stamped his class on the World Cup season

Austria await an heir apparent

From Iain Macleod
Val Gardena

The Dolomites are resplendent in the winter sunshine. The hills are no longer bare. Blue skies enamour the shimmering beauty of the chink of the mountain called Saslonch which menacingly oversees the *demanding course that bears its* name.

The conditions here ensure that today's much anticipated, and long delayed, opening World Cup men's downhill will take place. And, in the fashion of each preceding season since the retirement of Franz Klammer, the Austrian nation waits to see if a successor will finally emerge.

Lately, the name of Peter Rzehak has given cause for Austrians to speak in hushed tones. Too often in the past they have seen their hopes dashed. But Rzehak, aged 18, and with a Czechoslovakian name is different: Even the great man himself regards Rzehak as the next Klammer. A boy entrusted with a man's task of restoring the nation's dignity in the discipline they covet

Rzehak, who last season won the European junior title and finished third in the world junior championships first came to the fore with some high placings from low start numbers during last weekend's two practice runs at Val d'Isere. The abominable conditions, however, meant that the ultimate test was delayed.

Yesterday, he did even better at practice finishing third in the first run from a start number of 79.

Rzehak now has to justify the faith of the nation by trying to conquer Val Gardena's fabled Camel Bumps and icy Ciaslat turn, on the day the established elite put away their training skis and get on with the real business.

There are other Austrians who may steal his thunder: Helmut Hoflehner led the first run which saw two other countrymen of his in the top four: Peter Wirnsberger was third in the next run which Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, led the field to confirm that he has overcome injury.

Britain's leading representative, Graham and Martin Bell, were disappointing. Martin was 54th and equal 23rd; Graham, who did not compete in the second run because of a stiff back, finished 32nd on the first.

The Bells believe that the course is not as demanding as in recent years. "It's hard stuff underneath," Martin said. "But it's not as glassy." Graham, however, feels that "It's still tricky. *One lapse of concentration* and you're away."

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES (Austrian unless stated): First run: 1, H Hoeflehner, 2min 03.76sec; 2, P Vitaloli (It), 2:03.81; 3, P Rzehak, 2:03.95; 4, M Haas, 2:04.63; 5, G Piantanida (It), 2:04.67; 6, W Marti (Switz), 2.04.81; 7, R Rupp, 2:05.05, 8, W Erharter, 2:05.10; 9, A Skaardal (Nor), 2.05.16, 10, P Wirnsberger, 2:05.18; Second run: 1, M Girardelli (Lux), 2:02.63; 2, Piantanida, 2:02.74; 3, Wirnsberger, 2:03.23; 4, P Mueller (Switz), 2:03.29, 5, L Stock, 2:03.57; 6, R Boyd (Can), 2:03.83; 7, F Belczyk (Can), 2:03.90; 8, P Duerr (WG), 2:03.92; 9, E Rasch, 2:03.96; 10, Skaardal, 2:04.05.

SWIMMING

Croft will not cover for sick Mellor

By Steven Downes

Gaps were beginning to appear in the British team on the eve of the Sun Life European Cup, which begins in the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh, today.

In the week after the team was announced, Jean Hill, Maggie Hohmann and Grant Robins pulled out of the Great Britain team, although a replacement was readily available in each case. The withdrawal, through illness, of Karen Mellor has presented more problems.

Mellor a member of Britain's Olympic team, had been chosen to swim the 400 and 800 metres freestyle. The original intention was to replace her with June Croft. For the shorter event that seemed the sensible option, with Croft already in the team and, as she showed in Dundee last weekend, in improving form over 16 lengths.

Yet Croft made it clear yesterday that she had no desire to sacrifice herself to the demands of, possibly, two 800-metre swims today in addition to the 200 metres, thus leaving the team management with no obvious replacement.

As one of the few of the 16 competing nations to field swimmers in every event before such setbacks, Britain had an excellent opportunity to shine before the television cameras at this two-day meeting, which was awarded to Edinburgh in celebration of the Scottish ASA's centenary.

The holders of the men's Europa Cup, the Soviet Union, have nominated a strong team, but with Nick Gillingham and Kevin Boyd both competing in two events, the home nation could cause some upsets.

The picture in the women's competition is less clear because the holders, East Germany, have named a youthful squad. Even without any of their individual medal-winners from Seoul, they can still call upon a world champion (Kornelia Gressler) and two European junior champions (Daniela Brendel and Grit Mueller).

If the East Germans can hold off the challenge of Bulgaria's full-strength team, which includes Tania Dangalakova and Antoaneta Frenkova, first and second in the Olympic 100 metres breaststroke, it will show whether their new generation is likely to dominate world swimming in the style of their predecessors.

Hall torn between gown and country

By Gerald Davies

It would appear to be a recurring scenario whereby, as one season follows on another, the Welsh Rugby Union selectors drop a clanger, as was highlighted this week when Mike Hall, the Cambridge University centre, was told that he would not play for Wales if he appeared in the University match. Such a goof-up is periodic rather than seasonal. Welsh players have their exits and their entrances.

In 1976, for example, Phil Bennett was ignored as the Welsh stand-off half. John Bevan took his place. The Llanelli maestro was also thought unsuitable as second choice and David Richards was chosen. However, these wrongs were righted. Bevan was injured, Richards went down with influenza and Bennett, the people's choice, played for Wales.

In 1984 Terry Holmes, the Welsh scrum half, was left out of the national squad. Whether this was an oversight or intentional no one was ever quite certain. Reasons were given — too many scrum halves already in the squad was the one that circulated unconvincingly — but the preferred inference was that the pre-eminent scrum half of the day had been rapped over the knuckles because he had had the audacity to go on a skiing holiday over Christmas.

This was not the way, it was believed, for a player to prepare for the international championship. There was a public outcry and the player was soon reinstated among the red jerseys and the red faces.

Hall has already played for Wales. He was a replacement for Tony Clement, the full back, in the summer's first international in New Zealand and was chosen on the wing in the second. His preferred choice is in midfield, where he was picked to play against Western Samoa. But several incidents contrived to ensure that he would not appear in his favourite position and, despite protestations from him, he played on the wing again. He complied with the selectors' request.

If favours are not in abundance in the demanding world of sporting competition, a certain mutual understanding among men would not go amiss. But it is not to be, for with the University match coming in the same week as Wales's game against Romania, Hall was given an ultimatum by the selectors.

Although it was by no means unanimous among the committee, it was pointed out to Hall that he would not be picked for Wales if he chose to play in Tuesday's match. The WRU rule reads that "players and reserves should not play in any match within six days before an international match without the selection committee's consent".

Derek Quinnell, who finds nowadays that he has no Welsh role to play but is a British Lions selector, has sympathy with his former colleagues. It is something he had wrestled with during his time on the selection panel. With domestic fixtures, the arrangement works. But does a player, for instance, selected to play for Wales on Saturday, still play for his club against the same touring team in midweek, Quinnell asks.

In the end it comes down to a matter of judgement, of knowing the nature of the game and the personalities of the players. Rules should be there for guidance only. After all, ultimatums need to be carefully orchestrated. In this instance, it put Hall in an unenviable spot; and it put egg on the faces of those who had put him in that *position, as he came down in* favour of playing for his university.

Might it not have been better to have said that the decision was his and that he should be fully aware of the responsibilities.

On the other hand, the selectors could have said that they would not consider him available for selection at all. Thereby they would remove the difficult decision the player was forced to make.

But the fates who conspired to turn their backs on his team on Tuesday have smiled upon him. With Mark Ring becoming the first to fall foul of the discipline which John Ryan expects from his team — "turning up on time is a matter of courtesy to others" — he has said that Mike Hall at last gets a chance to play in the position he himself wants.

Rendall is ruled out by injury

By David Hands

Paul Rendall, the Wasps and England loose-head prop, withdrew yesterday from the London XV to play the North in tomorrow's divisional championship match at Imber Court. The calf muscle injury he sustained in a club match at Bath last month has not yet healed and Curtis (Harlequins) retains the place he occupied against the South and South-West last weekend.

Chilcott, the Bath prop, has withdrawn from the South-West's replacements, as has Harding, the Bristol scrum half who was dropped from the divisional team this weekend. Both prefer to represent their clubs in the knowledge that their abilities should be known well enough by now.

Simms, the England centre at the start of the last international season, plays his first game for Wasps tomorrow since damag*ing an ankle playing for the* Combined England Students against the Australians on November 1. He appears against Headingley at Sudbury in a team weakened by divisional calls.

Warwickshire, holders of the NatWest Shield, hope to reach the final of this season's colts county championship by beating Yorkshire at Selby tomorrow. Their opponents at Twickenham last season, Somerset, play Kent at Chattenden Barracks, Hoo, near Rochester, in the other semi-final.

Yorkshire reached this stage by virtue of their 32-7 win over Durham last weekend, despite having lost an earlier northern group match against Cheshire. Maynard, a centre with the successful England Schools party which toured Australia during the summer, is playing *well as is Wray, the West Park* Bramhope wing, while at scrum half Yorkshire have David Andrew.

Yorkshire colts have organized a six-match tour to Australia next May and June, for which they are seeking sponsorship. A party of 27 will play matches in Perth, Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide and Brisbane and hope to travel as county champions.

CRICKET

Imran doubtful for first Cup game

Adelaide (Reuter) — The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, has been injured two days before the start of the World Series Cup on Saturday when his team play West Indies at the Adelaide Oval.

Imran was struck on the knee in net practice by a ball from the medium-fast bowler, Mohsin Kamal. "There's not much treatment you can have for this type of injury. I'll just ice it and hope that it gets OK by Saturday," Imran said.

Imran's deputy, Javed Miandad, is another selection worry. He has a back injury which kept him out of Pakistan's warm-up matches in north Queensland last weekend. Miandad suffered the injury almost a month ago and has had little solid batting practice since.

Abdul Qadir, the leg spinner, is expected in Adelaide in time to play against West Indies. Qadir, originally unavailable for the tour for family reasons, was brought in when Imran was made captain and intervened in selection.

Imran remained confident his side would do well against the West Indians and in their match on Sunday against Australia, the third team in the World Series one-day tournament. "I think the side is one of the best one-day teams we've brought to Australia," Imran said.

"One-day matches are not necessarily won by a four-pronged pace attack or a world-class batting line-up, but by team combinations," Imran added.

Terry Alderman, aged 32, the seam bowler, has been recalled to the Australian side for the *start of the World Series Cup.* The squad also includes the all-rounders, Mark and Steve Waugh, who, if they play, will be the first twins to represent Australia.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: A R Border (captain), G R Marsh (vice-captain), T M Alderman, D C Boon, A I C Dodemaide, I A Healy, M G Hughes, D M J Jones, C J McDermott, P L Taylor, M Waugh, S R Waugh, G M Wood.

● CANBERRA: The one-day match between the West Indians and the Australian Prime Minister's XI was cancelled on Thursday because of rain (Reuter reports). "To describe this as a disappointment would be the great understatement of 1988," Prime Minister Bob Hawke, the nation's No. 1 cricket supporter, said.

England aim to show consistency in batting

From Carol Salmon, Melbourne

England will need to bat considerably better than in the first round if they are to claim the honours against Australia in the Shell Bicentennial Women's World Cup match in Melbourne on Sunday.

This game marks the beginning of the second phase of the tournament. Australia are unbeaten at the top of the table with England four points behind and needing to hold that second place to get into the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on December 18.

"We have got this far without firing on all cylinders," the England captain, Jane Powell, said. "A repeat of our first round performances will hopefully see us into the final."

The batting started to show consistency in matches against Ireland and Netherlands in Sydney but taking on the stronger Australian attack will be another matter.

"I think many of the players were totally overawed in the first match against Australia," the England coach, Ruth Prideaux, said. Her side lost by 126 runs after crumbling 84 for eight in 60 overs.

"You just cannot afford to make mistakes and every game is important."

The World Cup holders, Australia, have looked in a class of their own so far but in Jo Chamberlain, England possess one bowler with sufficient penetration to make inroads into their order.

But it is the batting, reshuffled in the first round against Australia, that causes most concern. Janette Brittin has given indications of better days ahead but the remainder of the top order have yet to score quickly enough to worry Australia.

ROWING

Lees has fair bit of work to do

By Jim Railton

The boat clubs of Oxford and Cambridge universities have entered a professional age. Last year Oxford employed Olympic coach, Steve Royle, as director of Oxford University Boat Club and this year Cambridge have taken on Mark Lees as full-time professional chief coach.

Yesterday Cambridge held their trials on the championship course from Putney to Mortlake. Royle tests his men and women next Thursday. It was obvious after the Cambridge trials that Lees has work to do.

To be fair, Cambridge had two of their five resident Blues injured on the bank — Matt Smith has a back injury and Jim Garman has contracted a virus. The three Blues in action were Matthew Brittin, the president, in a yellow West German boat, Ecstasy, with Guy Pooley and Ian Clarke in a British white plastic boat, Aceed.

Aceed, on Surrey, and Ecstasy, on Middlesex, had a battle royal for well over half the course with slight leads alternating between the crews. Aceed, however, could not take sufficient advantage of the long Surrey bend and after a push held only half a length at St Paul's School. Ecstasy, stroked brilliantly by the lightweight, Richard Staite, constantly underrated their opponents and began to take control before Chiswick Steps.

Aceed's crew, stroked by Nick Justicz, began to look scrappy and short by Chiswick Steps and Ecstasy was soon in control with both crews line astern by Barnes Bridge with the yellow ship 1¾ lengths ahead and they added another quarter by the finish.

However, the winning crew should have won by more, considering what was virtually the surrender of their opponents just before Chiswick Steps.

RESULT: Ecstasy bt Aceed by 7sec (21) in 18min 38sec. Intermediate times: mile post, 3:56; Hammersmith Bridge, 7:06; Chiswick Steps, 11:17; Barnes Bridge, 15:21; Boat Race Finish, 18.38.

ECSTASY: E Clark (Trinity and Shrewsbury) (bow), M Reeley (Pembroke and Melbourne University and Melbourne GS), P Schreier (Queens' and Melbourne C of E Grammar), M Richardson (Clare and Tonbridge), P Mant (Selwyn and Cheltenham College), **M Brittin (Robinson and* Hampton School), L Taylor (Pembroke and Royal GS, Newcastle), R Staite (St Catharine's and Prince Henry's HS, Evesham) (stroke), J Garner (Magdalene and King's College Schools, Wimbledon).

ACEED: M Banyes (Downing and Bryanston), A Bliss (Trinity Hall and Nelson and Colne), R Young (Downing and Bedford School), A Pottow (Pembroke and Wells Cathedral), T Backhouse (Magdalene and Winchester), **G Pooley* (LMBC and Imperial College and Berkhamsted), **I Clarke* (Fitzwilliam and Stourport HS), N Justicz (Sidney Sussex and Westminster Schools, Atlanta, US) (stroke), P Coombs (Pembroke and Eton) (cox).

* denotes a Blue.

CYCLING

Award for Doyle lifts his anger

Tony Doyle, still seething about the circumstances in which he and Danny Clark were denied victory in the Zurich six-day race, left London last night for the European track championships in Copenhagen (Peter Bryan writes).

Doyle's anger was tempered by receiving his MBE from the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

In Zurich Doyle claimed that five teams combined to stop him and Clark winning their fifth race of the winter season.

"*It was diabolical,*" he said. "Half the teams in the race were Swiss and most of them appeared determined to stop Danny and me winning." If that was the case they succeeded, and Doyle and Clark finished fifth.

The 75km madison on Sunday, expected to be the highlight of the European championships, will be the pair's first ride together in the title race. Doyle won in 1984 with Gary Wiggins, and Clark, partnered by Don Allan, was the victor in 1979.

Getting a kick out of Pears

By Michael Stevenson

It was one particular match that focused the attention of English rugby followers upon a Cumbrian village and two of its youthful sons, George Doggart, the scrum half, and his partner, David Pears, aged 19, arranged a welcome for the Wasps in their national knockout the last winter that the club will never forget.

Bristling with internationals, Wasps were never allowed to settle and, harried and hustled out of their customary, controlled game, came worryingly close to defeat, as Pears hoisted his kicks and the home pack hunted under them like beetles.

Pears, whose father, Reg Pears, a keen rugby league man in his youth, encouraged and cajoled him into a dedicated search for high standards and success, was an apt pupil. Voted the best under-21 player in the Aspatria club in the 1986-87 and 1987-88 seasons, he was also voted best player in the club last season and played with distinction for the county.

Pears's greatest ambition is to win international honours and it would be a rash person who would back against him, though it might be to his advantage for such advancement to occur later

Pears: limitless potential

rather than sooner, as it did to Rob Andrew.

At the opening of the present season he and Doggart joined Sale, recently relegated from the first division. Pears's first match for Sale was not auspicious. He appeared to be suffering a terminal attack of kicking.

It was, of course, that he was still mentally playing Cumbrian rugby, which is at its most dangerous when a hard, uncompromising pack is going forward under a high ball.

A product of Workington GS, Pears, who formerly worked as a joiner and carpenter, is now living in Manchester and studying to be a quantity surveyor. One spin-off from this decision is that Doggart, finding the long journey from Aspatria to Sale increasingly demanding, has decided to rejoin his old club.

Despite Cumbria's successes in the county championship, Pears could have found this winter one of limited opportunity, as Sale have struggled in the second division. But injury to Andrew meant that he was invited to play for the North and clocked up 19 points against the Midlands at Otley last Saturday.

His triumph was one of character as much as ability. The long goal-kicking practice sessions after training had paid off; his kicking from the hand was relevant to the context of the game and in no way programmed and on several occasions he beat his man, as a class stand-off half must do from time to time, if only to make the opposing back row more vigilant.

The vast improvement that he has achieved in half a season suggests limitless potential. It is to be hoped that talent of this order will not be modified or ruined by premature advancement but allowed and encouraged to mature and develop at the right pace.

BOWLS

Changes made by Middlesex

Middlesex have made changes for their match against Suffolk in the second round of the Liberty Trophy tomorrow (Gordon Allan writes).

Fred Hurst replaces Bill Hulbert at No. 2 on Reg Paine's rink, and Robert Ingram leads for Ted Barton at the expense of Ken Elson.

The selectors have also switched Paine to his home green at Cambridge Park and sent Barton to play the containing game at Ipswich. Durham, the holders, play Cumbria and Bedfordshire play Cambridgeshire.

HOCKEY

East send two teams

By Joyce Whitehead

The All England Women's Hockey Association is organizing the under-18 club championship, with the finals being held on Sunday at Ashton Playing Fields, Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge.

As the North will be absent, the host territory, East, have two places: Orpington (Kent) and Cheshunt (Hertfordshire). Competing from the Midlands is Chiltern (Bedfordshire), the South, Cheam (Surrey) and the West, Otter Vale (Devon).

Teams will play four matches of 15 minutes each way.

The J. J. B. Sports Lancashire Hockey League has got off to a good start and this weekend the North and East are holding their territorial trials. Both territories are including their under-21 trials at the same time: the North at Scholemoor and the East at Cambridge.

Midlands have named their under-21 squad in readiness for the Tournament from December 28 to 30 in Coventry.

MIDLANDS UNDER-21: P Ainsworth (Bedfordshire), J Barber (Staffordshire), A Clarton (Leicestershire, capt), P Campbell (Bedfordshire), E Deacon (Leicestershire), K Fahy (Leicestershire), K Greenstreet (Bedfordshire), S Longdon (Derbyshire), M Makings (Nottinghamshire), L Matthews (Worcestershire), S Matthews (Northamptonshire), J Mould (Leicestershire), K Oldershaw (Nottinghamshire), J Staley (Worcestershire), H Toon (Bedfordshire), J Williams (Leicestershire).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sin-bin may be given the red card

By Keith Macklin

The days of the sin-bin may be *numbered following this week's* pronouncements by Fred Lindop, the first rugby league full-time controller of referees. The sin-bin was introduced on New Year's Day 1983, and there is mounting criticism that players use it as a cover for deliberate foul-play, while referees lean on it as a means of avoiding the trauma of a sending-off.

Lindop began his tenure earlier this week by telling referees *to send off players for deliberate* tripping, and for serious foul play in off-the-ball situations. He made it clear that he did not approve of referees falling back on the sin-bin as a compromise between a finger-wagging and the ultimate sanction of dismissal.

While referees may still face the onerous responsibility of deciding in a matter of seconds whether an off-the-ball offence is worthy of dismissal, *at least* they know that strong action will receive official support. Many coaches, club officials and supporters believe that serious *foul play should always result in* a sending-off. It has been alleged that many players are prepared to risk 10 minutes in the sin-bin after taking a dangerous opponent out of the game either temporarily or permanently.

One of the leading coaches, Graham Lowe, of Wigan, supports such thinking. "There are not too many of these offenders about, but for blatant offences like a deliberate trip, or a really *bad off-the-ball foul*, a player should walk with no question of the sin-bin."

The problem for referees is how to decide on the degree of severity of the foul and the due amount of punishment. When the sin-bin was introduced it was welcomed as an opportunity to give offenders a cooling-off period for persistent minor offences or actions with no serious malicious intent. Only *recently have urgent questions* been asked about its efficacy.

With Lindop's words ringing in their ears, referees once more find themselves cast in the role of piggy-in-the-middle, but at last they have a brief to wage war on the headhunters.

The League yesterday issued its first ranking list of the top 10 referees in alphabetical order, and these will be the men in the front line of the war against dirty play. Three grade one referees drop to grade two. They are Paul Volante (Batley), Geoff Berry (Batley) and Kevin Allatt (Southport), who was recently criticized for not taking stronger action when Paul Shaw, the Salford half back, received heavy punishment against St Helens.

Their places in the top echelon of referees are taken by Steve Haigh (Ossett), John Kendrew (Castleford) and Frank Tickle (St Helens). The other seven in the rating list are Dave Carter (Widnes), Steve Cross (Hull), John Holdsworth (Kippax), *Brian Simpson* (Manchester), Colin Steele (Dalton-in-Furness), Ray Tennant (Castleford) and Robin Whitfield (Widnes).

Ringland may miss final Irish trial

Trevor Ringland's place in the Possibles team in the final Irish trial tomorrow week at Lansdowne Road is in jeopardy (George Ace writes). Ringland also misses Ballymena's trip to Dublin tomorrow for the game *against Old Wesley.*

He has hamstring trouble in his left leg, a legacy of Ulster's match against Western Samoa on November 2. "I just cannot clear it up," Ringland said yesterday. "After a fitness test last week prior to the Munster match I felt certain I would be able to play; 48 hours later I had to cry off.

"*I had a stiff training session* earlier this week and the result is the same: out of the Ballymena team for Dublin. I am not at all optimistic about my chances of playing in the Irish trial."

Meanwhile, NIFC, fresh from the Smithwick's Boston Cup semi-final win in midweek over Academy, bring in Huddleston, the former Academy and Bangor scrum half, for his first senior game against Instonians tomorrow at Ormeau, where league points are at stake.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Witton v Morecambe.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale v Llanelli (7.0); Maesteg v Pontypridd (7.15); Neuthridge v Swansea (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: World Match Play championship (Bremwood).

SWIMMING: Europa Cup (Edinburgh).

TENNIS: World doubles championship (Albert Hall).

SPORT ON TV

SNOOKER: ITV 2.55-3.25, 5.10-5.15 p.m., 11.05 p.m.-12.30 a.m.: Everest World Match Play Championship from Brentwood.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2-3.50 p.m.: Racing: 2.20, 2.55 and 3.30 races from Cheltenham; Football: Guinness Soccer Six championship: Highlights from Manchester. UEFA Cup: Highlights of the third round, second leg. FA Cup: Preview of tomorrow's second round matches. Round-up: Latest tennis, rallycross and snooker news.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

THERMALITE BRITISH INDOOR TEAM CYCLE SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Specialist bicycles, aggressive sprinting and physical presence are the ingredients of cycle speedway. On Sunday, the Granby Halls, Leicester, is the venue for the championships and a 500-race schedule. It is fast, sprint racing on a floor specially treated to reduce slippage but to add to the excitement a degree of physical contact is permitted. The cyclists jostle for position and elbowing occurs as they attempt the fastest line at the hairpin bends. A code of conduct applies, however, and over-zealousness is penalized.

The specialist cycles have no brakes and are low-geared to allow maximum acceleration. The picture is of riders cycling flat out, reaching frenzied speeds along the straight and then negotiating bends. Crashes are not uncommon.

Heckmondwike, the Yorkshire team, were the surprise champions last year, beating the big city teams who have a larger catchment area from which to draw riders. However, David Hemsley, the British indoor champion, leads the Leicester team and in front of home support, they are fancied to make the final.

How to get there: The championships are at the Granby Halls, Leicester (Tel 0533-552644). Admission is £1.50 for adults and 50p for children under 14 and pensioners. Racing starts at 6.30 a.m. and continues until 9.30 p.m.

Manchester bid needs fine-tuning

COMMENTARY

David Miller

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Vienna

The Manchester committee campaigning for the centenary Olympic Games of 1996 recognizes that there are two obstacles to its election in Tokyo in 1990 as equally relevant as the sentiment and tradition wielded by Athens. The bid has to be seen to be British, and somehow to embrace the universal attraction to the foreigner of London, and overcome the "Edinburgh factor": the antipathy of some African nations towards British ambivalence on the apartheid issue.

Bob Scott and Richard Parry, the chairman and executive director of the committee, have been here at the general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees discreetly sounding out two ideas: the staging of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session immediately before the Games in London, with the Olympic family then moving to the North-West for the sport, and a series of goodwill *visits to Africa, some of which might* involve Manchester United. On both fronts they have received a general mood of encouraging approval.

The session in London is a particularly adroit concept by Scott, because the London-or-nowhere argument lobbied by British sceptics is based on the *known susceptibility* of IOC members and their wives for the good life as much as a good Games. A 10-day sojourn in the capital, before the serious business, would pander to IOC weakness while still utilizing the imaginative private sector enterprise of the North-West.

***The London concept is being* launched on February 20, with a reception at Mansion House hosted by the Lord Mayor and presided over by the Princess Royal, for a select guest list of high-level leaders from the City and British industry, as well as prominent IOC members. Manchester has already raised more private sponsorship for its bid than Birmingham did; and is anxious, both domestically and internationally, to expand the belief within the IOC that hosting the Games, vast as they have now become, is as much a national responsibility as the privilege of a host city.**

Scott's flexible plan includes — should the IOC be interested or willing — tennis and football finals at Wimbledon and Wembley. The Manchester Committee is privately anxious for Sheffield to expand its horizons and embrace regional sites in order to save the World Student Games of 1991. A collapse in Sheffield could be a critical disadvantage to Manchester's credibility.

The maintenance of an international view is a basic principle for Scott. Sebastian Coe, the vice-chairman of the Sports Council who has been here as a member of the Athletes Commission, welcomes the format of Manchester's application for funds from the council: for something similar to the £250,000 donated to Birmingham but, rather than going in to a general fund, as donations to individual governing bodies to bring international events to Manchester.

The absence of Sir Arthur Gold, the chairman of the British Olympic Association (BOA), until the closing stages of the general assembly, has seemed a pity:

The removal of Charles Palmer was bound to cause some surprise. In the interests of continuity and a solid British front, it would have been helpful had Sir Arthur attended from the start, along with Eileen Grey, the vice-chairman, and Dick Palmer, the general secretary. The British have needed to dissociate themselves from a proposal, put forward by a European study group of which Charles Palmer was a member, for a reshaping of distribution to NOCs of television income from the Games, which was disadvantageous to African and Asian members.

The British could have done without an inept, pro-South Africa intervention during yesterday's assembly by a British official of the Cayman Islands, with its undercurrent of guilt-by-association for the British.

There is already some concern, not least in Manchester, about sympathies towards South Africa, including those allegedly of Sir Arthur — unfairly misrepresented by Labour party representatives here on the basis of Sir Arthur's expressed view that continuing discussion with South Africa should not be severed. Several African republics have told me in the past three days that, if Namibia gains genuine independence and Pretoria's relations with Angola and Mozambique are stabilized, they would be prepared to sit at the same table with South Africa.

However, the prospects of an African boycott, were Manchester to be awarded the Games, are significantly less than in the case of the Commonwealth Games

GOLF

Parnevik holds on for player's card

From John Hennessy, La Manga

Jesper Parnevik showed the resilient character of Swedish sport these days by shrugging off early setbacks to stroll away with the PGA six round qualifying school yesterday.

With a final round of 71, one under par for the South course, and a total of 416, 14 under par, he won by four shots from Paul Mayo, the British amateur champion for Wales in 1987, Vijay Singh, one of only four Fijian professional golfers, and Ulf Nilsson, one of Parnevik's many compatriots prominently engaged here.

Parnevik, aged 23, was three over par after seven holes on a brilliant sunny morning which disguised the chill of winter carried on a stiff breeze.

His temperament was once said to be suspect, but he confirmed yesterday that that was a thing of the past by playing the remaining holes in four under par.

This is a nerve-racking tournament since so much depends on it.

For some sad young men it now means finding other ways of earning a living altogether, for others, Mayo conspicuously among them, it holds the key to Aladdin's cave. But for 11 young hopefuls, those who finished on 430, level par, it means an ordeal by sudden-death play-off this morning for the last two player's cards for next year's European Tour.

Parnevik came back from the brink in style. A variety of clubs, long, medium and short, put him within three feet of the ninth, 10th and 15th flags, and a superb drive at the 18th (510 yards) put him within a seven iron of the green. He has been taking guidance in the United States this year and, as a result, is regarded by his team manager as the golfer with the most potential that Sweden has ever produced.

Neither Mayo nor David James, runner-up in the Scottish Professional championship this year, was quite at his best, but for all that theirs were brilliant performances. James slots into seventh place overall alongside David Jones, an elder statesman from Ireland who was playing his first school after 19 years with the tour.

Paul Broadhurst, this year's Lytham Trophy winner, made it comfortably on 425 with a sturdy 70, a triumph in itself after suffering a devastating five-over-par nine on the North on the second day by way of two shanks, one air shot, one drop out of water and three putts. That hole apart, he would have tied for second place.

Stephen Bottomley, a no-nonsense Yorkshireman, finished boldly with three birdies to carry him well clear on the dreaded level par to a place of safety.

TOUR QUALIFIERS

418: J Parnevik (Swe), 68, 69, 67, 71, 70. 420: V Singh (Fiji), 71, 68, 72, 69, 69, 71; P Mayo (GB), 68, 67, 73, 68, 70, 74; U Nilsson (Swe), 69, 68, 68, 71, 70, 74. 421: L Hedenstroem (Swe), 70, 69, 70, 68, 74, 70; M Jimenez (Sp), 73, 67, 70, 67, 71, 73. 422: J Tumba (Swe), 66, 70, 70, 70, 74, 72; A Binaghi (It), 68, 70, 67, 70, 75, 72; D Jones (GB), 71, 67, 74, 69, 68, 73; D James (GB), 70, 70, 66, 72, 68, 76. 423: S Stephen (GB), 68, 68, 74, 70, 69, 74. 424: S Thompson (GB), 72, 73, 70, 67, 71, 71; J Higgins (GB), 68, 73, 72, 68, 73, 70; A Stubbs (GB), 71, 74, 69, 69, 70, 71; M Krantz (Swe), 72, 65, 72, 71, 71, 73; P Carrigill (GB), 67, 70, 72, 70, 72, 73. 425: M Moreno (Sp), 74, 76, 71, 67, 70, 67; P Broadhurst (GB), 69, 76, 72, 69, 69, 70; M Davis (GB), 70, 68, 70, 74, 72, 71; W Stephens (GS), 72, 71, 70, 69, 72, 71; R Hartmann (US), 69, 67, 71, 68, 71, 79. 426: P Hoad (GB), 71; B Evans (GB), 72; J Mouhica (Fr), 74; M Farry (Fr), 81; J Van de Velde (Fr), 75; L Carbonetti (Arg), 71, J Howell (US), 71, M Jonnsson (Swe) 73. 427: C Van der Velde (Neth), 69, J Rivas (Sp), 73; K Moe (US), 73, D Klank (US), 72, C Franco (Par), 73, S Bottomley (GB) 70. 428: S Hamil (GB), 74, E Elson (US), 75, M Miller (GB), 73; J Cantero (Arg), 68, J Cuevas (Sp), 73; J Davila (Sp), 67, L Jones (GB), 73. 429: P Cowan (GB), 73, C Gray (GB), 74; J McHenry (Ire), 73, D Lozano (Sp), 75; K Dickens (GB), 72, R Fish (GB), 68.

Playing off for two places: 430: T Planchin (Fr), 75; P Cuanz (Swtz), 73; N Briggs (GB), 76, C Platts (GB), 71, M Aparicio (Sp), 72, C Stroemberg (Swe), 73; F Quinn (US), 68, E Bolognesi (It), 68, T Levet (Fr), 72; G Grappasonni (It), 73, A Canessa (It), 70.

Other British: 432: W Henry, 70; 434: D Curry, 68; 435: J Hawksworth, 75. Retired hurt: P Girvan.

SNOOKER

Comments by Doyle irk Hearn

By Steve Acteson

Barry Hearn is to report his fellow manager, Ian Doyle, to the World Professional Billiards *and Snooker Association* (WPBSA) following remarks made by Doyle yesterday concerning Dennis Taylor, one of Hearn's players.

The dispute stems from the quarter-final match in the Everest World Matchplay championship between Stephen Hendry, Doyle's protege, and Taylor, a member of Hearn's Matchroom stable.

Hendry, the victor, who admitted at a post-match Press conference that he was "bored" during the contest, was chastized by Taylor among others, who said: "Anybody that says they can get bored playing for £100,000 at 19 years of age needs to think again. When I used to play for 50p a frame at his age, I didn't get bored."

Doyle replied by saying that: "Dennis Taylor's behaviour at the table was not, in our opinion, befitting his standing in the game. And throughout the match there was a constant stream of comments heard only by Stephen and perhaps a few people in the audience."

Taylor, the 1985 world champion, responded to the allegation of gamesmanship by saying: "Doyle should get his facts right. I never made any comments to Stephen Hendry whatsoever during the match, all I did was exchange a little banter between frames with some people in the crowd, as I always do."

Hearn added: "We will be referring Doyle's comments to the WPBSA because we feel Dennis has been slated and we want to put the record straight."

Meanwhile, following the fines of £34,000 which were levied upon seven of Hearn's players for their refusal to attend Press conferences at the Rothman's Grand Prix in October, the Matchroom team will boycott the WPBSA's annual awards dinner on Sunday.

This is despite the fact that Steve Davis, the world champion, is certain to be named Player of the Year once more. Hearn, who will contest the fines in the High Court, said: "Can you really expect Steve Davis to happily stand up and receive an award when he has just been fined £12,000 for a minor misdemeanour?"

Hendry had no time to be bored yesterday as John Parrott, having won the first three frames, moved into a 5-3 lead at the main interval of their semi-final. Davis and Jimmy White contest the other semi-final today.

RESULTS: Quarter-final: S Davis (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 9-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 75-20, 49-64, 75-57, 59-67, 55-50, 90-14, 83-22, 77-16, 82-13, 83-24, 68-38. Semi-final: J Parrott (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot), 5-3. Frame scores (Hendry first): 53-75, 15-67, 21-77, 78-24, 69-36, 43-73, 93-8, 19-53.

TENNIS

A consolation prize for British women

From Barry Wood
Melbourne

Great Britain restored a modicum of pride in the NEC Federation Cup in Melbourne, defeating Switzerland 2-1 in the first round of the consolation event. However, victory did not come as smoothly as they would have wished.

Clare Wood, after having victory in her grasp, lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 to Manuela Zardo, ranked No. 279 in the world. Wood won only four points on her serve in the final set, to leave Sara Gomer with an uphill battle against Eva Krapl.

After the first set went to Switzerland, the second stayed with serve until Gomer broke in the twelfth game. Gomer then relaxed a little to claim a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory. In the doubles, Gomer and Julie Salmon beat Krapl and Sandrine Jaquet 6-3, 6-0.

The No. 1 seeds, the Soviet Union, were struggling in the deciding doubles against Spain when rain brought an early finish to the day.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: West Germany bt Australia, 2-1 (West German names first: S Hanika bt N Provis, 6-1, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch bt A Minter, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; Kohde-Kilsch and Hanika lost to W Turnbull and E Smylie, 2-6, 6-0, 6-2); Soviet Union and Spain level at 1-1 (Soviet names first: L Sachenko bt C Martinez, 7-6, 6-2; Natalia Zvereva lost to A Sanchez 7-6, 6-1, Zvereva and Savchenko trail Sanchez and Martinez, 6-4, 1-1). Consolation events: First round: Brazil bt Hungary, 3-0; Belgium bt Greece, 3-0; Israel bt Poland, 3-0; Netherlands lead Bulgaria, 2-0; Yugoslavia bt Ireland, 2-1; Great Britain bt Switzerland, 2-1 (British names first: C Wood lost to E Zardo, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; S Gomer bt E Krapl, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; J Salmon and Gomer bt Krapl and S Jaquet, 6-3, 6-0). Chinese-Taipei and Mexico level at 1-1; South Korea and Japan level at 1-1.

FOOTBALL: DEFENDER'S FUTURE IN BALANCE AS CLUB IMPOSES SUSPENSION OVER SENDING-OFF

Dennis disciplined by QPR

By Clive White

Queen's Park Rangers turned a deaf ear to Mark Dennis's plea of innocence yesterday when they imposed a two-week suspension upon their wayward full back following the twelfth dismissal of his career in a reserve match on Tuesday. Dennis's future at the club, if not in England, now hangs in the balance.

Because of his disciplinary record, the worst in English football, he is certain to be charged — for the sixth time — with bringing the game into disrepute by the FA and that is likely to mean a record suspension, currently held by Paul Davis, of Arsenal, of more than nine games. Last December when Dennis was banned for 53 days, a sentence later revised to eight matches, the late David Bulstrode, who was club chairman, warned him that it was his last chance.

Richard Thompson, the new chairman, who meted out yesterday's punishment, may decide, like Southampton before them, that Dennis, one of the best left backs in the country, is more trouble than he is worth. Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the professional footballer's Association, has made strenuous efforts to try to help Dennis change his ways but even he has virtually resigned himself to failure.

"It makes me wonder whether this particular leopard will ever change his spots," Taylor remarked upon hearing of Dennis's sending off for spitting at Leo Donnellan, of Fulham. Dennis, who denied the offence, insisted that he would turn over a new leaf following his last suspension.

With Jim Smith, his long-time protector, now departed to Newcastle United, Dennis could find himself facing dismissal of a different kind. The prospect of a transfer seems even more remote. Few clubs would be prepared to take a chance on a player who seems to spend more time off the field than on it because of suspensions and injury. Even Smith would have to give serious consideration to managing the player for a third time.

But neither he nor anyone else at Loftus Road will be going anywhere for the time being. Peter Shreeves yesterday managed to persuade the chairman, upon being appointed acting manager until the end of the month, to freeze all outgoing transfers.

Shreeves, who would like the job permanently, wants time to convince certain unsettled players, like Alan McDonald, the Northern Ireland international, and Martin Allen, that their future is with Rangers.

What Butler sees is a goal: the elegant, elusive half of the deadliest partnership scores again

Baltacha agrees move

Ipswich Town eliminated the final problems to confirm the signing of Sergei Baltacha from Dynamo Kiev yesterday (Louise Taylor writes). John Duncan, the manager, returned from Moscow in the early morning after the Soviet international defender signed a contract.

Baltacha must obtain a work permit, which could delay his first appearance for two months.

David Rose, the club secretary, said: "It normally takes eight weeks but we are trying to reduce this. Michael Irvine, our MP, has been helping all the way through the deal and we may be able to get the time cut a little."

Duncan said that he had no plans to import a second Soviet player. Baltacha has signed an 18-month contract, with a clause allowing either the player or the club to end the agreement after six months. "Because of the uniqueness of this move we felt it prudent to have a probation period," Duncan said.

An eventual fee of about £200,000, payable to the Intersport agency which deals with the affairs of all Soviet sportsmen, was agreed after three days of intricate negotiations.

Most perfect match outside of heaven and the League

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Three minutes remained in Maidstone United's FA Cup first-round tie at Newport County last month and most of the visiting supporters were still breathing sighs of relief at their team's equalizer two minutes earlier. Maidstone appeared to pose little threat when Mark Gall received the ball on the halfway line, but as Steve Butler, his partner in attack, went on a diversionary run, Gall went past four Newport defenders before taking on the goalkeeper and scoring the winning goal.

It was a typical performance by Gall and Butler, who after less than 10 months together, have emerged as the most effective goalscoring partnership in non-League football. They have hit 43 goals between them this season and their form gives Maidstone every reason for confidence for their trip to Reading in the second round of the Cup on Saturday as they seek to reach the third round for the sixth time in 10 seasons.

Butler, who made 21 appearances for Brentford before his release from the third division club 2½ years ago, was already recognized as one of the most skilful forwards in the semi-professional game when Gall made his first appearance for Maidstone in February this year after stepping up from county football. Since then Gall has averaged a goal a game in 42 appearances, while Butler has taken his tally to 126 goals in 174 matches for the Kent club.

Both aged 25, they complement each other perfectly. Gall's strengths are his exceptional pace and powerful shooting, whereas Butler is an elegant and elusive player who creates as many chances for colleagues as for himself.

John Still, the Maidstone manager, said: "I have been in non-League football for 20 years and they're as good a pairing as I have seen. There probably aren't many better players in the lower divisions of the Football League."

Gall's goals in particular have turned Maidstone from also-rans last season into serious challengers for promotion from the GM Vauxhall Conference to the Football League. With 49 goals (including 22 by Gall) from 19 Conference matches, they are easily the leading scorers and lie fourth, nine points behind the leaders, Kidderminster Harriers, but with two games in hand.

Gall had been a prolific scorer for three years in the Kent League for Greenwich Borough — where he played briefly alongside Ian Wright, the Crystal Palace forward now rated in the £1 million bracket — before Still signed him for £2,000 10 months ago.

"I'm amazed that no Football League clubs came in for him then," Still said. "The standard he was playing in was fairly low, but for £2,000 he was surely worth taking a gamble on. He was very green when he came to us but he has come on enormously. If he improved at the same rate with full-time coaching he would be an exceptional player."

Tottenham Hotspur, Queen's Park Rangers, Brighton, Leicester City and Aberdeen have all kept a close watch on Gall this season, but at the height of their interest he briefly went off form to such an extent that he was dropped. "The fact that so many clubs were watching me was on my mind a lot and I couldn't concentrate properly," he said. "But now I've put all that to the back of my mind and I'm just getting on with my game."

Gall, who works in his father's bakery, added: "I'm very happy playing for Maidstone, but if the chance to turn professional came along I would jump at it. I've always wanted to play in the Football League and I'm sure I could score goals at that level."

Despite developing a successful career in a double-glazing firm, Butler's attitude to professional football is the same. "I would give anything to get back into the League," he said. "I'm sure that applies to nearly everyone at our level. Most of us live for football."

Butler, who made an impressive debut in the England semi-professional team last season, was a soldier playing part-time for Wokingham Town when Brentford bought him out of the Army. He had two seasons at Griffin Park but felt he never had a long enough run in the first team to establish himself.

"I wasn't strong enough physically, but that's no longer true because the Conference is a very tough league and does wonders for your muscles," he said. "Coming out of the League when I did was probably the best thing for me, because I think I've improved a lot with Maidstone and would now be ready for a professional career."

Boston lose Reid after run of five defeats

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Ron Reid, whose appointment at the end of last season as team manager of Boston United signalled a determined challenge by the Lincolnshire club to win promotion to the Football League, has resigned after five successive defeats. George Kerr, who became general manager after Reid's appointment, has resumed control of team affairs *and for the time being, Boston* will not seek a replacement.

After spending more than £30,000 on new players in the summer, Boston were one of the favourites to win the GM Vauxhall Conference championship. At the end of October they were seventh, only five points behind the leaders, but the five defeats have left them in thirteenth position, 19 points adrift.

Reid resigned after Saturday's 4-2 defeat at home to Fisher Athletic, the second match in a fortnight that Boston had conceded two goals in the last five minutes. Boston have sacrificed leads on a number of occasions. They lost 4-3 at home to Hinckley Town in the FA Cup after leading 2-0. Attendances, which reached a peak of 2,700 in September, had dropped to little more than 1,200.

Reid, who had resigned as manager of Stafford Rangers to take up the post at Boston, said: "There was no direct pressure *from the board of directors, but I* felt it was in the best interests of the club that I should resign."

● Paul Harding, the Enfield forward, has been suspended for 16 weeks following an incident when he was watching a Sunday match which had nothing to do with the GM Vauxhall Conference club. Harding was *reported to the Football* Association for pulling back the referee after a violent clash between players. Eddie McCluskey, the Enfield manager, said that the club was taking "internal measures" against Harding.

YACHTING

Smith signs on for Cup challenge

By Barry Pickthall

Before the resin has even dried on Rothmans, his Whitbread round-the-world maxi due to be launched in March, Lawrie Smith has set his sights on the America's Cup.

Yesterday Peter de Savary confirmed that Smith, Britain's Soling skipper at the Olympics, had signed to join his Blue Arrow challenge immediately after the Whitbread fleet returns to Southampton in May 1990. The deal renews a partnership that dates to 1983, when Smith replaced Phil Crebbin as helmsman aboard de Savary's 12 metre Victory '83, which went on to lose in the challenger finals to Alan Bond's wing-keeled wonder, Australia II.

***Later, Smith became one of* the highest paid skippers during the next Cup series in Perth, acting as tune-up helmsman for Iain Murray's Australian Kookaburra team, which lost to Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes.**

A spokesman for Blue Arrow said yesterday that since de Savary has entered two challenges, one through the Royal Burnham, the other under the aegis of his own newly formed Pendennis YC, Smith's appointment places no immediate threat on the syndicate's existing skipper-designate, Chris Law.

One man who has dropped from the team, however, is Tony Castro, the designer of Barracuda of Tarrant. Instead, the team working on the new 75ft class, which is expected to gain formal acceptance for the next event from the San Diegan holders early in the new year, centres on the talents of Derek Clark, Rob Humphreys, Ed Dubois and Phil Morrison.

Plan for rating rule scrapped

The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) has dropped plans to go it alone with a new rating rule for offshore racing yachts and is to embrace the IMS computerized measurement system developed in the United States.

The London-based club had worked hard on changing the *existing grand-prix IOR* measurement rule to encourage more sea-kindly yachts, but the proposals failed to gain any support from the rest of the world at the annual meeting of the Offshore Racing Council (ORC).

"It's been a terrible dilemma for us," Jonathan Bradbeer, Commodore of the club, said yesterday. "The recent ORC decision left us pretty much isolated, so we are now going wholeheartedly for the IMS system for the 1990 season." One reason for the change of heart, according to Bradbeer, is the assuring noises from Tony Ashmead, the RORC measurer, who has allayed earlier doubts about the accuracy of the IMS system.

According to Bradbeer, problems in the measurement's software have been ironed out and the latest American laser measurement machine used to trace out the lines of each boat has overcome the shortcomings of earlier German designs.

Fehlmann leads by nine miles

Merit and Union Bank of Finland, the two Whitbread round-the-world race rivals, continue to slug it out at the head of the monohull fleet contesting the Route of Discovery transatlantic race.

Yesterday, the Swiss maxi carrying the hopes of the Whitbread winner, Pierre Fehlmann, was just nine miles ahead of its Finnish rival, followed by Georgio Falk's Italian entry, Gatorade, a further seven miles astern as the 20-strong fleet continued to enjoy strong reaching winds. The two British boats, With Integrity and Maiden Great Britain, hold eighth and eleventh places.

LEADING POSITIONS: (mile from the *finish*): 1, Merit (P Fehlmann), Swiss, 2,927 miles; 2, Union Bank of Finland (L Ingvall), Fin, 2,935; 3, Gatorade (G Falk), It, 2,944 miles; 4, Hispania (J Touboul), Sp, 2,954; 5, Milena V (A Merlesse), Fr, 3046. British: 8, With Integrity (A Coghill), 3,060; 11, Maiden Great Britain (T Edwards), 3,061.

Wind-tunnel approach

Tony Marchai, the Polish-born aerodynamist responsible for developing Lionheart's radical bendy rig for the 1980 America's Cup, is the latest to join forces with Scotland's newly announced America's Cup challenge.

***Marchai lives close to Ian* Hanney, the British Airways pilot leading the Scottish design group, and shares with him a close interest in aerodynamics. They are banking on their joint research in the wind tunnels of Southampton University and Farnborough to give them the edge over de Savary's team — and the rest of the world.**

Race start postponed

From Bob Ross, Fremantle

Racing in the Swan Premium bicentennial world match racing championship was postponed for the day yesterday in the face of a strong wind forecast and after two of the 10 yachts suffered equipment failure before the scheduled start.

This is a windy place, so there was no hesitation about sending the crews out into a 20 to 30-knot sou'wester to continue the round-robin elimination to determine the four semi-finalists. But, while Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, and Rod Davis, of New Zealand, were already involved in the pre-start manoeuvres for the first match of the day, the race committee aborted their start.

Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, the only undefeated skipper in the regatta with four wins, had his mainsheet traveller track lifting from its base because the bolts securing it were inadequate and had to return to the shelter of Royal Perth Yacht Club's marina to have it repaired.

Because the fleet of 10 Farr 36s built for this regatta is so new, they have been suffering teething problems and the race officials knew that the problems with Dickson's boat could arise with them all in the high wind and building seaway.

They will try to run the remaining five sets of races in the round-robin today.

STANDINGS (after the first four sets of races): four wins: C Dickson (NZ); three wins: J Bertrand (US), R Davis (NZ), W Lynn (US); two wins: E Warden Owen (GB), S Lissiman (Aus); one win: P Gilmour (Aus), P Isler (US), B Pace (Fr); no wins: Tim Law (GB).

Moving down

Malcolm Simmons, the promoter, has pulled King's Lynn speedway club out of the British League after more than 20 years for financial reasons and has applied for them to join the National League. Simmons hopes to retain most of his riders in the lower league.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Third round, second leg: Velez Mostar 2, Heart of Midlothian 1 (agg 2-4); AS Roma 0, Dynamo Dresden 2 (agg 0-4); Cologne 2, Real Sociadad 2 (agg 2-3); Inter Milan 1, Bayern Munich 3 (agg 3-3; Bayern win on away goals); Juventus 1, FC Liege 0 (agg 2-0); Napoli 0, Bordeaux 0 (agg 1-0); Turin Pallaseum (Fin) 3, Victoria Bucharest 2 (agg 3-3, Victoria win on away goals).

SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Alloa 2, Berwick Rangers 1.

MANCHESTER Guinness Soccer Sixes: Group G: Charlton 6 Liverpool 3; Charlton 6, West Ham 2; West Ham 3, Liverpool 0. Group H: Nottingham Forest 4, Wimbledon 1; Wimbledon 4, Norwich 2; Norwich 0, Nottingham Forest 1. Final: Charlton 2, Nottingham Forest 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Derby 0; Barnsley 0, Coventry 3; Blackburn 2, Newcastle 2; Huddersfield 3, Manchester City 2. Second division: Darlington 5, Preston 0; Grimsby 5, Doncaster 1; Hull 3, Port Vale 2; Rotherham 1, Notts County 1; York 0, Wigan 0.

SVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton 0, West Ham 0; Crystal Palace 2, Wimbledon 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: First round, second leg: Rhyl 2, Barrow 4 (after aet). Premier division: Shepshed 2, Gainsborough 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 3, Bedworth 2; Leicester United 3, Dartford 3; VS Rugby 0, Worcester 1. Midland division: Atherstone 1, King's Lynn 1; Dudley 5, Forest Green 1; Willenhall 2, Wellingborough 1. Southern division: Poole 3, Salisbury 0.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replays: Bishop Auckland 3, Billingham Synthonia 1; Colwyn Bay 2, Corby 1; Welling 3, Leyton-Wingate 1.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Feltham 11, Crown and Manor 1.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' BHS TROPHY: Nottinghamshire 5, Humberside 1; Suffolk 1, Norfolk 4; Sussex 0, Middlesex 1. English Mitre Under-19 Trophy: West Midlands 6, Staffordshire 1.

ASIAN NATIONS CUP: Group A: Iran 1, United Arab Emirates 0. Group B: Syria 1, Kuwait 0.

KUALA LUMPUR: Merdeka Tournament: Group A: Soviet Union 4, Thailand 1; Indonesia 0, Malaysia 0.

BADMINTON

WOLVERHAMPTON: Ralleard Grand Prix: Gill Clark v Gillian Gilks; Clark's (Eng) first; F Smith bt G Gowers 11-5, 11-2; S Beaddley lost to D Hall 13-15, 5-15; A Goode and G Clark bt M Daw and G Gilks 15-12, 15-5.

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: Quarter-final: Bracknell Pirates 79, Leicester City Riders 77.

MEN'S RONCHETTI CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Mannembourg (Bel) 80, Estudiantes (Sp) 97; Machelen (Bel) 88, Crvena Zvezda (Yug) 101; Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 75, Varese (It) 71.

WOMEN'S RONCHETTI CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Tungaram Budapest 74, Iskra Jezica (Yug) 79.

MEN'S KORAC CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Stroket Kiev 89, Den Helder (Neth) 65; CAI Saragoza (Sp) 85, Olympia Simac Milan 85; Wiwa Vismara Cantu (It) 100, Orthez (Fr) 86.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Dynamo Novosibirsk (USSR) 89, Levski Spartak Sofia (Bul) 78.

BOARDSAILING

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: World windsurfing championships (production boards): Practice race: Men: 1, B Edgington (GB), Women: 1, P Way (GB).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Third round replay: Wigan 30, Hull Kingston Rovers 0.

CURLING

PERTH: European Curling championships: Men: Scotland 3, Norway 8; W Germany 7, Sweden 3; Denmark 8, Austria 3; Italy 7, Switzerland 3; France 7, Netherlands 4; England 9, Finland 4. Women: Scotland 7, Italy 2; W Germany 6, Switzerland 5; Sweden 6, Norway 4; Denmark 8, France 7; Finland 8, Austria 5; Netherlands 9, England 7.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 18, RAF 26; Bridgend 21, Aberbeary 10; Llanelli 41, South Wales Police 18; Lydney 19 Glamorgan Wanderers 21.

SCOTTISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Ayrshire 41, Lanarkshire 0.

BPSA CUP: Polytechnic of Wales 16, Portsmouth 0.

OTHER MATCHES: Camborne SOM 21, Devon and Cornwall Police A Division 19; Camberley 37, University of Kent 4; Kent County Clubs 9, Surrey County Clubs 35; Middlesex County Clubs 28, Essex County Clubs 3; United Hospitals 16, Combined London Old Boys 33.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Abingdon 10, Warwick 16; Bancroft's 6, Aylesbury GS 14; Eltham College 10, Marlborough College 7; Kelly 48, Boniface 0; Latymer Upper 6, Emanuel 16; Loughborough 10, Trinity GS (Sydney, Australia) 8; D Emanuel Under 23 A, Emanuel 16, Purley HS 0, Emanuel 28; St Bees 8, Whitehaven 7; Ware 18, Seaford 10; Watford GS 0, St Benedictas, Ealing 24.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 6, Washington Capitals 1; Minnesota North Stars 2, Montreal Canadiens 2 (OT); Edmonton Oilers 8, Quebec Nordiques 3.

TENPIN BOWLING

GUADALAJARA: World Cup (positions after 16 games): 1, Chung-Hee Yoo (S Kor), 3,350; 2, I Bradford (Aus), 3,331; 3, P-Einar Wellstad (Nor), 3,322; 4, M Khalda (United Arab Emirates), 3,292; 5, P Gronmerk (Fin), 3,254; 6, S Monsuri (Qatar), 3,253; 7, M Lewis (US), 3,222; 8, R Hull (Can), 3,213; 9, D Lighbourne (Bar), 3,209; 10, E Groen (Neth), 3,185

SNOOKER

BRENTWOOD: Everest World Matchplay: Quarter-finals: S Davis (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 9-2. Frame scores: (Davis first): 75-20, 49-64, 75-57, 59-67, 55-50, 90-14, 83-22, 77-16, 82-13, 83-24, 68-38.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Battersea Indoor League: East Grinstead 6, Slough 6; Blackheath 8, Bromley 5; Khalsa 5, St Albans 14; Faremen 7, Tulse Hill 4.

CRAWLEY: Royal Bank National Indoor Club championship: South qualifying round: Blackheath 8, Surbiton 2; Brighton 1, Old Kingstonians 4; Beckenham 4, Winchester 5; Bromley 14, Richmond 5; Purley 4, Old Bordenians 2. Already qualified: East Grinstead (holders), Hounslow, Khalsa, Farenam, Tulse Hill, Guildford and Southgate.

BOXING

BELFAST: Bantamweight: J Lowey (Belfast) bt S Casey (Derry), 79; Feather: R Webb (Lame) bt J Donohue (London) to 2nd round; Light: N Wenton (Liverpool) bt J Bennie (Kilmarnock) rsc 5th round; Welter: C Esparra (Venzuela) bt S Eubanks (Brighton) rsc 1st round; Middle: S Storey (Belfast) bt D Hobson (Leeds) rsc 6th round.

REAL TENNIS

Britons make progress to second round

Jonathan Howell, of Britain, defeated Matthew Hayward, of Australia, 5-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 in the first round of the French Open singles championship, at Bordeaux yesterday (William Stephens writes). Howell is head professional at the Jeu de Paume de Bordeaux; Hayward is deputy professional at Hampton Court Palace.

Paul Tabley, of Melbourne, *defeated Colin Lumley, a former* Australian Open singles champion who is now an unattached professional, 3-6, 5-6, 6-3, 6-5, 6-2; Tabley now meets Wayne Davies, of New York, who is the world champion and No. 1 seed.

Chris Bray, of Petworth eliminated Michael Gooding, a Briton working in New York, 5-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

RESULTS: First round: J Howell (Bordeaux) bt M Hayward (Hampton Court), 5-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; C Bray (Petworth) bt M Gooding (New York), 5-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; P Tabley (Melbourne) bt C Lumley (unattached), 3-6, 5-6, 6-3, 6-5, 6-2.

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TCCB decides that Hick will have to wait

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Graeme Hick, the most gifted young batsman in the world today, must, after all, wait until 1991 before playing for England. This was the most emotive of many, wide-ranging issues resolved yesterday at a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board which demonstrated a heartening commitment to improving the country's humble international standing.

A proposal, by the Board's executive committee, to reduce the qualification period for cricketers from non-Test playing countries from seven years to four, was defeated by 13 votes to five with one abstention. It was a difficult decision and there was apparently understandable reluctance to delay the graduation of a quite brilliant player.

Eventually, however, delegates were swayed, not only by the recommendation of a specialist working party that the present law should continue, but also by a real fear that the England team was in danger of losing its identity. Frustrating though it must be for Hick, who has never stooped to pleading his case in public, the decision, reached after the longest debate of the two-day meeting, undoubtedly had long-term wisdom.

Alan Smith, the chief executive of the Board, has made no secret of his personal support for a reduction in Hick's wait. Smith, however, did not have a vote to cast and he reported: "It was a very stimulating debate. Some England supporters will be disappointed, I am sure, but the majority perceived the decision to be in the best interests of English cricket.

"If it was thought that gaps in the England team were being plugged by overseas players, then this could be a disincentive to young cricketers and a discouragement to aspirations to play for one's country."

This was very much the view of the Cricketers' Association, the players' union. It was not represented at the Board meeting, but its officers, Geoff Cook and David Graveney, had met Smith in London on Monday and spelled out the strength of feeling among their membership.

A compromise, suggested by Yorkshire and Surrey, through which Hick would have been made eligible for England while remaining an overseas player in county cricket, rightly received short shrift. Even Hick himself had said he would not feel it right to play Test cricket under such an expedient.

The overseas players system is also to be streamlined with agreement that each county must register only one player. This will stop the practice, blatantly harmful to the prospects of young Englishmen, of operating a rota system of leading foreign players. It cannot, however, be implemented until present contracts expire.

A sharp improvement in the general standard of county pitches can be expected next year after the adoption of a recommendation by the pitches committee that 25 points should be deducted from the home team in a championship match when a surface is deemed unsuitable.

On the face of it, this is a savage penalty, creating the startling possibility that a club could end the season with a minus number of points. When the facts are considered, it is not so sensational, simply a tough response to the most persistent saboteur of talent in recent years.

Initial responsibility for reporting a pitch will still rest with the umpires. They will alert the Board's new inspector, Harry Brind, who will go to the ground and make his own observations. If he is satisfied there is a case to answer, he will summon Donald Carr, chairman of the pitches committee, whereupon a telephone link-up involving five men will reach a verdict. This evidently long-winded process is expected to produce a result immediately following, if not actually during the match concerned.

Having addressed the problems of overseas players and wickets, the Board did not quite go through the card by revising the county programme, as urged by both Peter May and Micky Stewart last season. It has been agreed that the intended three-year experiment with a limited number of four-day matches will be completed, which means that the logical progress to an authentic championship of 16 four-day matches cannot be made until at least 1991.

On the subject of May and Stewart, the entire England selection issue has been handed over to a working party comprising the chairman of the Board, Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the cricket committee, Ossie Wheatley, and Smith himself. Their deliberations will be put before a special Board meeting on January 19.

One more positive piece of legislation depends on the acquiesence of the touring Australian team next summer to a fining system for failure to reach 15 overs per hour in a Test. This is a direct result of last summer's 7.40 p.m. finish during the Lord's Test.

POINT-BY-POINT GUIDE TO TCCB CHANGES

England qualification

No change to the seven-year qualification period for England. The board is determined that as far as possible, both county cricket and Test cricket will be played by England-born players. Only one overseas player to be registered by each county as soon as is practicable.

South Africa

A special meeting on January 19 will debate the South African issue, hearing recommendations from the international and executive committees.

Selectors

A working party has been set up to assess the future format of any Test selection panel and recommend whether a manager should take sole responsibility.

Over rates

Australia will be asked to agree to a fining sanction for failure to reach 15 overs an hour during next summer's Ashes series. Sanctions of this nature already exist in Australia.

Extra half-hour

Australia will also be asked to allow an extra half-hour at the end of a day's play in a Test match if one side believes that a finish can be achieved. This is in line with county cricket.

Pitches

The home side will lose 25 points on each occasion they are found guilty of producing an unsuitable pitch for a championship match when there are no extenuating circumstances.

Four-day matches

The mixture of three-day and four-day cricket in the county championship will continue until 1990, at least. A switch to 16 four-day matches will be reconsidered at that point.

Substitutes

The 1988 rule allowing no substitutes on the field for five overs has been modified so that umpires can arbitrate and allow an immediate substitute if there is an obvious and serious injury. This is in response to a number of complaints from captains.

Run-ups

Bowler's run-ups in the Refuge Assurance League to be extended from 15 to 22 yards maximum. An additional 10 minutes will be allowed for each innings.

Tea intervals

To avoid very late tea intervals the rule for the Benson and Hedges Cup is changed so that tea will be taken at 4.30 or after 25 overs of the second innings (previously after 35).

Sharjah tournament

Due to the arrangement of the New Zealand tour in the spring, there will now be no Sharjah tournament at the end of March.

Clubs have an ace up their sleeve in ID card game

By Dennis Shaw

The Government is to be presented with a revised membership scheme early in the new year by the football administrators who have to implement it. This was agreed at the annual meeting of the Football League Executive Staff Association in Birmingham yesterday.

The legislation about to go through Parliament involving total membership of all football supporters by identity card was unanimously opposed by the clubs. An alternative scheme, which they claim will work better, is to be put to Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, at a meeting to be arranged shortly.

Eddie Plumley, chairman of FLESA and chief executive of Watford, said that the proposals, contained in a paper now being prepared, must remain secret but gave firm hints of some of its contents. Club executives feel strongly that there is no need for every supporter to be a card-carrier. Among those who should be excluded, they insist, are season-ticket holders, special guests, members of family clubs, supporters' clubs and the like.

A combined statement said: "This association believes that the Government proposal to control admission to football matches is unnecessary and will create major problems more serious than those it hopes to solve. It also believes that measures taken by clubs and police in recent years have reduced violent behaviour inside grounds to a minimum.

"The vast experience of members leads inevitably to the conclusion that the Government's plan may well cause an increase in trouble outside grounds and to the demise of many Football League clubs with consequent damage to their communities.

"The association expects to have the opportunity of meeting the Minister in the near future, at which the Government's proposals can be discussed, together with suggestions the association wishes to make in a constructive manner."

Plumley said: "We don't want the scheme at all, but if we can't block it then we have a scheme which is practicable, compared to one which is totally unworkable." He understood that the unusual step was being taken of introducing the legislation to the Lords before the Commons.

"Football is not prepared to lie down and be run over by this scheme," Plumley said. He maintained that there would have been serious problems at Arsenal's recent game against Liverpool had the scheme been in operation.

"Twenty-nine thousand people went through the turnstiles between 7.15 and 7.45," he said. "The Minister says it takes one quarter of a second for each one to pass through but he has physically not seen what happens at the turnstiles in these circumstances. Heaven knows what might have happened outside the ground had there been delays.

"We hope to take on the Government through sheer weight of numbers and fight it all the way because there is a huge groundswell of public opinion against it."

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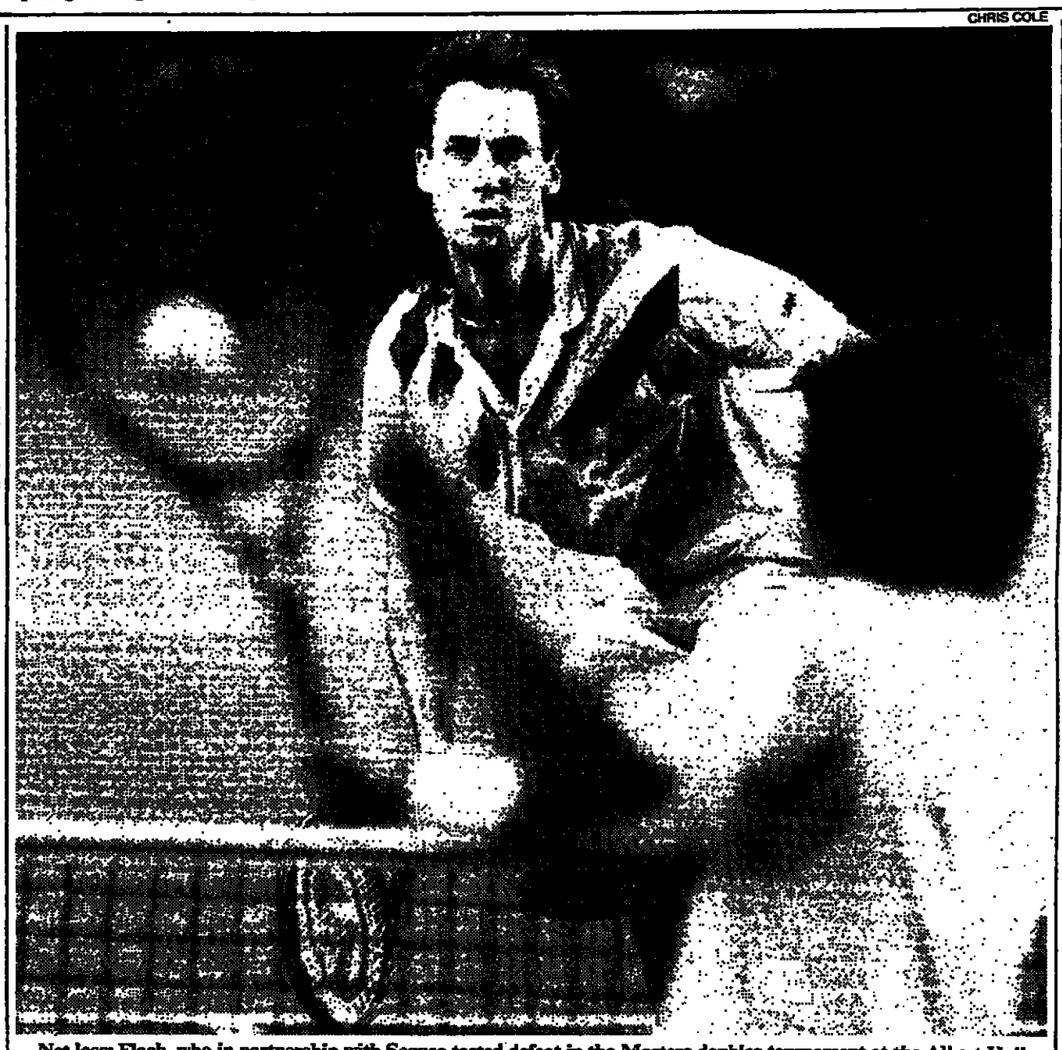

Net loss: Flach, who in partnership with Seguso tasted defeat in the Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall

Californians add masterly touch

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, the Wimbledon and Olympic champions, have played five hours and 44 minutes of tennis in less than 19 hours in the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament at the Albert Hall. Their two matches each went to five sets and ended in a tie-break and defeat.

Jorge Lozano and Todd Witsken, a team formed at the University of Southern California, led 4-1 in the fifth set before beating Flach and Seguso 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 yesterday.

The losers later admitted that, in deferring their arrival from the United States until Tuesday, they had made a mistake. "That was kinda irresponsible", Flach said. "We should have been here a day earlier. But it was so nice to be home."

With two defeats behind them and only one match to play in the all-play-all series, Flach and Seguso have little hope of qualifying for the semi-finals, though the four sets they have won could be useful if the statistics come down to decimals. "We have an outside shot at it," Flach said. "We weren't looking to come in the back door like that, but we'll take it if we get it."

Rick Leach and Jim Pugh, champions of Australia (that was only their third grand prix tournament as a team), beat Pieter Aldrich and Danie Visser, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. The curiosity was that Leach, a left-hander, played in the deuce court. No deep strategy was involved. Just habits acquired when the Californians were juniors.

Leach and Pugh are the youngest team in the tournament and are enjoying it: even the popping champagne corks. "It's a great honour just to play here," Leach said, "and it's kind of fun — more of a social atmopshere than most tournaments."

Looking ahead, the 1989 Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club may have to compete — for players, that is — not only with the Scottish championships in Edinburgh but also with a new grass-court event in the Netherlands.

Clive Bernstein, the Stella Artois tournament director, commented on the proposed Dutch venture: "Were it to happen, it would be most unfortunate for the grand prix. But our field at Queen's Club will be as strong as usual."

Looking back, on 1988, the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association will be held today at Queen's Club. The word "disappointing" occurs three times in reports on the men's game but the women's report suggests that the year has been "encouraging and exciting". Did we miss something?

In general, this has been an encouraging and exciting year only for Britain's opponents. To pretend otherwise is to brush a load of rubbish under the carpet and direct attention to the carpet rather than the lumps.

It is not the function of the LTA to produce champions: only to create a fertile environment. At the same time, the masses will not be tempted to play tennis — definitely an LTA objective — until the goods in the shop window are a good deal more encouraging and exciting than they are now.

RESULTS: Blue Group: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt R Leach and J Pugh (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; Leach and Pugh bt P Aldrich and D Visser (SA), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Red Group: S Casal and E Sanchez (Sp) bt K Flach and R Seguso (US), 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 1-6, 7-6; J Lozano (Mex) and T Witsken (US) bt Flach and Seguso, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6.

END COLUMN

Elsworth fine gets guarded reaction

By John Dorman

The racing world may have felt strongly about the Elsworth affair but it gave all the appearances of carrying on as normal yesterday: a quick comment about David Elsworth and the record fine imposed on him the previous day was enough; the main business of the day was preparing, riding and betting on the horses.

Elsworth himself took the day off from his stables at Whitsbury in Hampshire, not just to reflect on the £17,500 fine by the Jockey Club Stewards for administering steroids to Cavvies Clown but also to go shooting. The champion National Hunt trainer even missed his thirteenth winner of the season: Wonder Bee, his only runner of the day, at Taunton.

The most outspoken of Elsworth's fellow trainers at the Somerset course was Oliver Sherwood, who said: "It's a hefty fine but I suppose he was lucky not to lose his licence. I like David very much, but the last thing we need in racing is drugs, especially steroids."

Martin Pipe, the season's leading trainer, refused to comment, but Peter Scudamore, the champion jockey, said: "It's a very stiff fine and hard luck on him. He's a marvellous trainer and I feel very sorry for him."

Ross Arnott, who rides Cavvies Clown, said: "I should think he's just glad it's all behind him. It's a heavy fine, but we are all relieved he didn't lose his licence. He's a good man to work for."

Sympathy from racing public

Brendan Powell, who completed a Taunton treble on Wonder Bee, stayed at Elsworth's stable on Wednesday night. Powell said the trainer did not mention the subject; neither did Powell.

One travelling head lad, who preferred not to be named, said Elsworth should have been banned. But the general reaction from the racing public was much more sympathetic. "Much too severe" was a typical comment. "The Jockey Club should have been more lenient."

Meanwhile, the Jockey Club yesterday gave more information on the unpredictability of Laurabolin, the substance administered to Cavvies Clown.

Pipe explained: "The substance involved is a sustained release preparation. It is designed to release low amounts of the substance from the site of the injection into the horse's system over a long period.

"This release may or may not be constant and will be affected by external factors such as exercise or grooming. Because of the slow release, the level of substance in the system will anyway be very low and there may be rare occasions, due to the sporadic nature of release, when the test system will not pick it up. This situation would be quite impossible to predict."

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League tie screening may move

Independent television could avoid upsetting Bobby Robson, the England manager, by screening the League tie between Liverpool and Arsenal a week before England's World Cup game with Albania rather than three days beforehand as provisionally planned (Louise Taylor writes).

ITV stressed that as things stand, viewers would expect to see Liverpool v Arsenal live. "If there is a crucial match in the championship we would reserve the right to show it," a spokesman said.

However, the £44 million agreement says ITV will "use all reasonable endeavour to avoid scheduling a live game on the weekend immediately preceeding an important England international."

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Dispute over finances sours match build-up

By Chris Thau

A financial misunderstanding has soured the build-up to Romania's rugby union international against Wales in Cardiff tomorrow.

Christache Mitrea, the Romanian Rugby Federation Secretary in 1983 when Wales visited Romania, claims the Welsh players were given a daily allowance of about £10 for their three-day stay. The Romanians argue that the arrangement was reciprocal.

"It was meant to help our players to have some pocket money when they come to the West," Dumitru Mihalache, the Romanian coaching director, said. The Welsh disagree. Barry Michael, the WRU liaison officer, said. "We are not sure if money had been paid at all."

The Romanians have also been complaining about their food. "We ask for steak and fish. We have been told it's either meat or fish. We can't afford both." Marian Anghelesu, the Romanian doctor, said.

Florica Murariu, the Romanian captain, has recovered from a bruised rib and will play.

ROMANIA: M Toader; N Racean, N Suinia, A Lungu, D Bolder; G Ignat, D Neaga; G Leorte, G Iou, G Dumitrescu, S Ciorascu, H Dumitras, F Murariu (capt), I Doja, A Radulescu. Replacements: V Man, Z Vasluiew, T Drolan, D Sugar, S Socaleanu, A Domocos.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Blacklist TV row

Swedish television is to defy pressure from its monitoring body and broadcast the Davis Cup final between Sweden and West Germany. Boris Becker is on the UN blacklist. Coverage of the final in Gothenburg from December 16 to 18 was thrown into doubt last week when the Broadcasting Council objected to the screening of the semi-final against France.

Downhill date

The men's World Cup downhill that was planned for Val d'Isere earlier this month has been rescheduled for the weekend of January 6 to 8 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Gillingham: silver medal

Bailey says no

Rick Bailey has turned down an invitation to become Britain's swimming team manager next year. Bailey, the City of Birmingham coach, guided Nick Gillingham to a silver medal in Seoul.

Pyatt chance

The promoter, Frank Warren, is trying to line up a world title bout for Chris Pyatt and George Collins. He has put in an offer to the management of the world light-middleweight champion, Robert Hines, to defend his crown against Pyatt in Britain in February.

Carter in team

Paul Carter, the surprise winner of the InterCity national squash rackets championships last week, is included in the England team to defend the Home International title in Dublin next month.

ENGLAND: B Beeson (Northumbria), P Carter (Herts), D Harris (Essex), N Harvey (Essex), J Hickox (Surrey), G Williams (Sussex).